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Premier Christy Clark, Mayor John Ranta and a village official survey the damage in Cache Creek on Tuesday. Clark describes the devastation caused by a flash flood through Cache Creek as "unbelievable." See metroNEWS. DEVON LINDSAY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New charge for assault suspect

CRIME

Accused sex attacker briefly escaped custody, authorities say

Neal Hall
For Metro | Vancouver

A 25-year-old man already facing seven charges related to a gruesome sexual assault in the Strathcona area of Vancouver last month was charged this week with escaping custody.

The new charge, laid Monday, stems from a May 15 bail hearing for Caleb Timothy Heaton.

During the hearing, the accused allegedly bolted while in the Courtroom 101 at Vancouver provincial court and managed to escape outside before he was tackled and returned to custody.

Caleb Timothy Heaton
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The judge did not grant Heaton bail at the May 15 hearing. Instead, the matter was adjourned until Thursday at 2 p.m., when Heaton will also make a first appearance on his new charge,

Heaton was previously facing charges of break-and-enter, robbery, unlawful confinement and sexual assault with a weapon after a violent Strathcona sexual assault on March 26.

At the time, police said a man armed with a weapon entered a home on Hawks Avenue near Union Street and confronted a woman inside, tied her up and sexually assaulted her.

The assault was interrupted by a Good Samaritan who heard the woman's screams and entered the home.

A fight ensued, which spilled out onto the street. The Good Samaritan held the suspect as others came to help hold the man until nearby officers rushed to the scene.

A witness at the scene said the victim, who managed to escape during the struggle with the Good Samaritan, had two fingers cut off with a knife during the violent attack.

The victim, who was covered in blood, was taken to hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

Vancouver police later praised the efforts of the Good Samaritan and those who came to his aid as "heroic."

Police said the suspect had recently moved to Vancouver from Eastern Canada.

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Report spurs First Nation to reject pipeline expansion

TRANS MOUNTAIN

Bitumen spill may make over a million sick, review says

A North Vancouver First Nation has rejected Kinder Morgan's proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, based on a scathing assessment that concluded it would increase the threat of oil spills and damage their culture.

The Tsleil-Waututh Nation conducted an in-depth review that spanned a year and encompassed six expert reports. The review found, among other things, that the fumes from spilled bitumen have the potential to make over a million people sick.

Rueben George, a band member who runs an initiative to oppose the pipeline, compared the expansion to an ancient legend about a two-headed serpent that blocked Burrard Inlet.

"Our ancestors had to slay that dragon. So we've always been protectors of our lands and our waters here," he said Tuesday. "Now we're facing another long dragon that needs to be slain. That's the Kinder Morgan pipeline."

Kinder Morgan hopes to triple its bitumen-carrying capacity to 890,000 barrels a day by laying almost 1,000 kilometres of new pipe near the existing pipeline that runs from Alberta to Burnaby, B.C.

The Tsleil-Waututh's traditional territory includes Burrard Inlet, where tanker traffic is expected to increase seven-fold if the expansion is approved.

The National Energy Board is currently reviewing Trans Mountain and interveners are releasing critical reports ahead of a deadline Wednesday to submit evidence. The board will make a recommendation in January 2016 to the federal government, which will issue a final decision.

Spokeswoman Ali Hounsell said in a statement that Kinder Morgan "deeply respects" aboriginal rights and will fully respond to the nation's report. She said the company has consulted with about 133 First Nations and has tried to have multiple discussions with the Tsleil-Waututh.

Scott Smith, a lawyer for the nation, said the federal government is legally obligated to recognize the Tsleil-Waututh's inherent law and jurisdiction.

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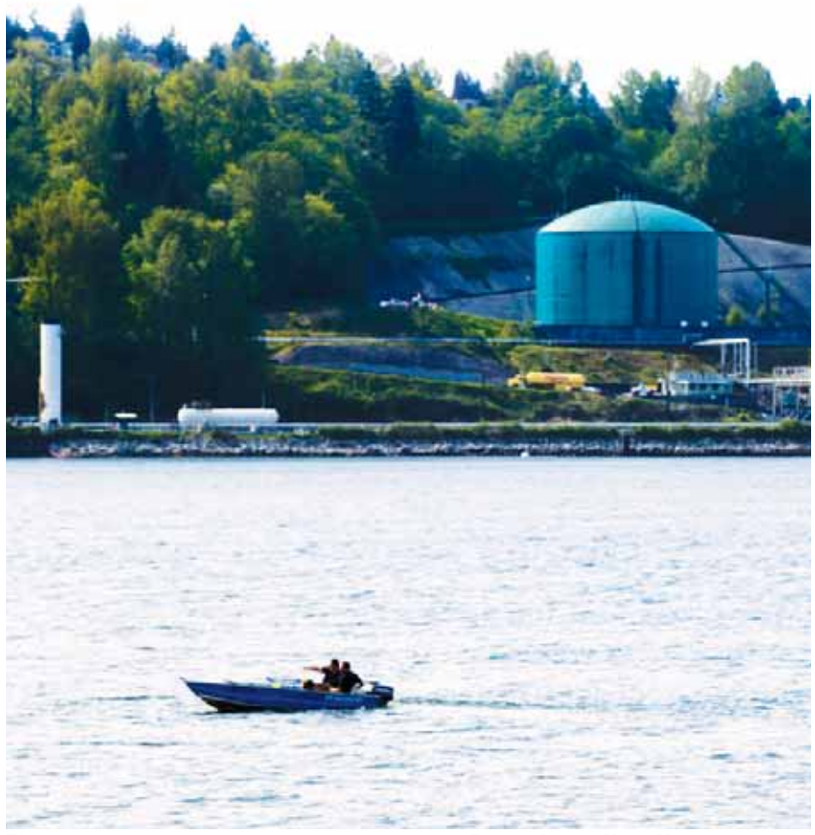
5,000

A major spill could kill up to 5,000 birds, strand 90 per cent of the oil on the nation's beaches and foul up to 25 kms of shoreline, the report found.



Two men fishing for crab sit on a boat on the waters of Burrard Inlet in North Vancouver as the Kinder Morgan Burnaby Terminal is seen in the distance in Burnaby in 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PROVINCE

Liberals lagging on housing file: Poll

A staggering 71 per cent of British Columbians think the provincial government is doing a "bad" job handling issues of housing, poverty and homelessness, according to a new poll from Insights West.

The online survey, conducted in partnership with Business in Vancouver, asked 801 voters to rate Premier Christy Clark and the BC Liberals on a variety of issues, including education, health care and public safety. The government scored the lowest in categories of housing and government accountability, both with mere 15 per cent approval ratings. The highest ratings were in public safety and the economy with 34 per cent and 32 per cent approval, respectively.

Despite dropping in most categories, the Liberals' voting numbers are still competitive, according to Mario Canseco, vice president of public affairs at Insights West.

"It doesn't necessarily suggest that change is at hand," said Canseco. "There has been a lot of controversy, but nothing really drastic in order to suggest that their numbers are going to drop."

In order to tip the scales in their favour for the next election, Canseco said the BC New Democratic Party need three elements to go their way. "There needs to be a very high sentiment for change, an extraordinary approval rating for the leader of the party that is seeking to topple the government, and ... voting numbers." ALICE D'EON/FOR METRO

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Councillor: Rental units not affordable

HOUSING

Affleck thinks program 'too generous' to developers

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

A Vancouver councillor isn't buying the city's use of the word "affordable" to describe a monthly rent of $1,242 for a 450-square-foot studio apartment in East Van.

As the city prepares to tweak its policy that encourages developers to build market rental apartment units that rent at controlled rates, Non-Partisan Association Coun. George Affleck is questioning whether the program is actually delivering affordable housing.

"There's no true affordable housing being created here. That's what they say it is, and it's not," Affleck told reporters after a council meeting on Tuesday.

At issue is the program where the city waives development cost levies — money that goes towards facilities like parks — to encourage developers to build rental apartments instead of condos, which are often more profitable.

In return, the developers promise to keep rents below a certain rate for the first tenants and maintain the units as rentals for 60 years or the life of the building.

The program resulted in a rental unit boom in the city, with 3,783 units being approved since 2010, a significant jump from the past decade. That supply helps renters in a city where vacancy rates hover around 0.5 per cent.

"Rental housing is really the way people can stay in the city," the city's director of housing policy Abigail Bond told council, noting renting is cheaper than owning.

Unlike renting from condo owners, who can quite easily boot tenants, the city argues that purpose-built market rentals create stability in the rental system.

Condos along Homer Street in Yaletown. METRO FILE

The housing department wants to slightly alter the program to include badly needed three-bedroom units, Bond said. Of the existing 55,850 rental units, only 530 are three bedrooms — and with a vacancy rate of 0.9 per cent, only about five are empty.

Affleck agrees that more three-bedroom units are needed, but doesn't think the incentive program is going to solve the housing crunch for those who need it most, since developers can charge whatever rent they want after the first tenants move out.

Besides, he believes the program is "too generous" to developers due to recent reports of pension funds buying rental properties in other cities because it's good business, not because there are incentives.

"It's a gift to developers and I don't think they need it anymore," Affleck said, calling Vision Vancouver's focus on the city's increase in market rentals "spin as usual."

REBUTTAL

Mayor hits back at The Economist

A column in The Economist that labelled Vancouver "mind-numbingly boring" and lamented the loss of cities' darker edges prompted a rebuttal from Mayor Gregor Robertson on Tuesday.

"It's totally absurd," Robertson said of the article written under the pseudonym Gulliver that questioned how anyone could prefer inoffensive, pleasant cities such as Vancouver or Vienna to Rio de Janeiro or Paris.

"If you're into guns and mugging and freeways, then yeah, this city might not be your cup of tea," Robertson told reporters after a city council meeting.

"But this is an exciting city. We're one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world, we've got breathtaking nature surrounding us; an outdoor, active, spirited lifestyle is what we're about here."

Robertson said it was worth pushing back at The Economist since it's an influential journal, but rebuked the magazine for not sending a correspondent here to see what Vancouver is really all about.

The city is ditching its "no fun" label and attracts people from around the world for adventure, culture, food and nature within city limits, Robertson said.

Plus, he added, the city recently made it easier for patios and restaurants to stay open later.

Coun. George Affleck, who often pushes city council to veer from the no fun label, also pointed to a zipline in Queen Elizabeth Park as an exciting addition to the city's repertoire of activities this summer.

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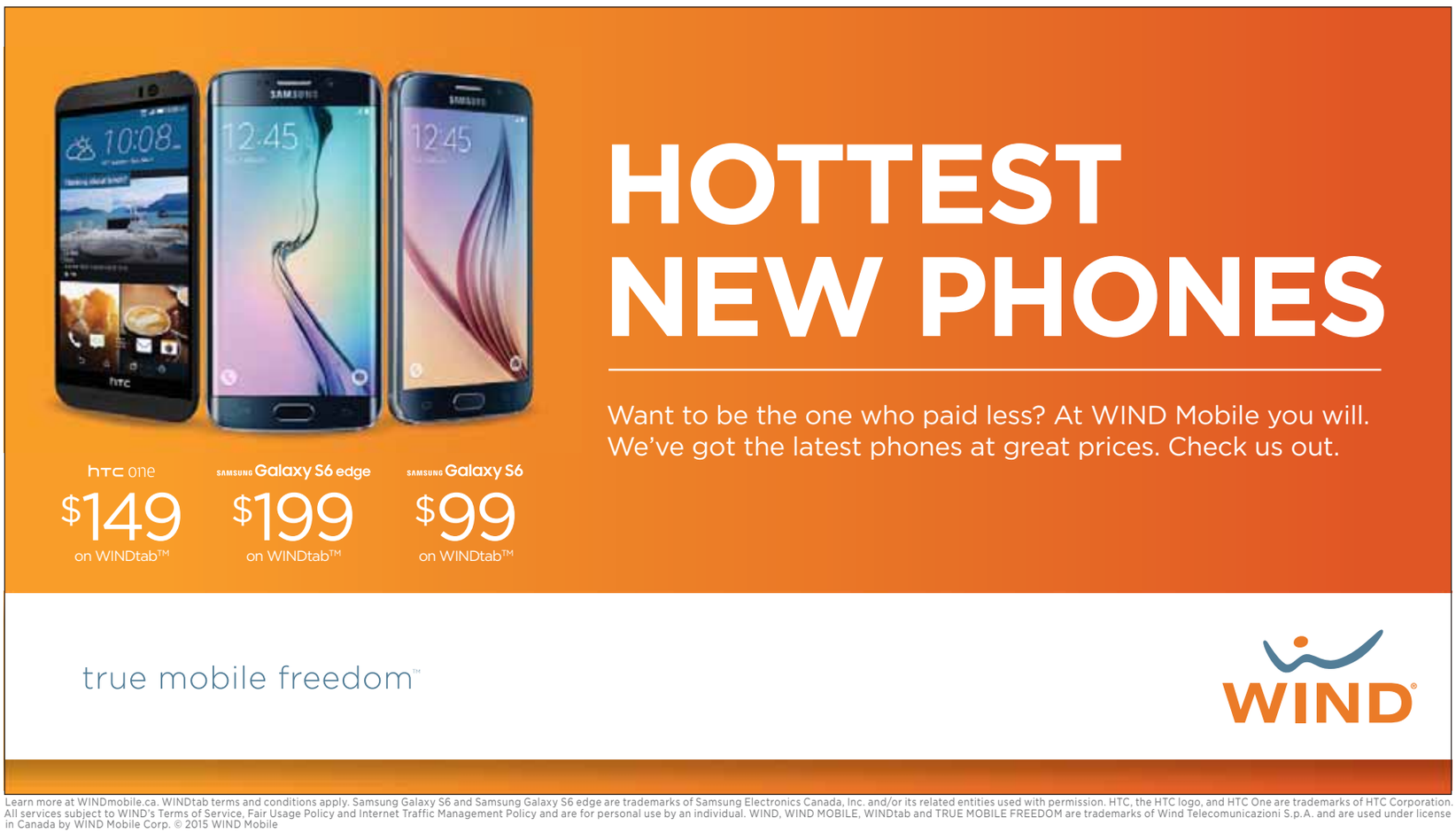

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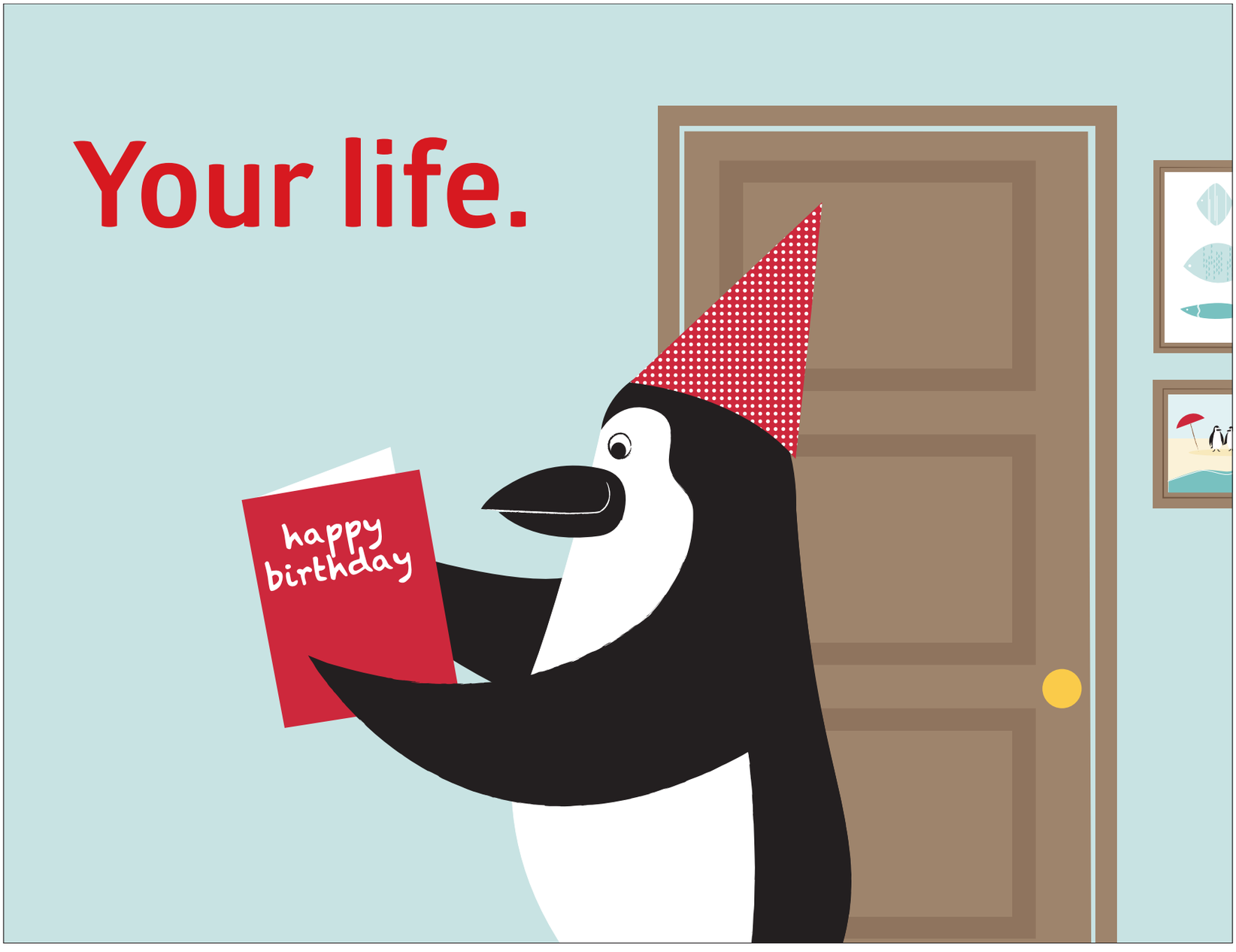

Racial biases can affect hearing: Study

UBC

Author says stereotypes can influence understanding

Alice D'Eon
For Metro | Vancouver

Racial stereotypes and unconscious biases toward others can affect how we hear and understand their speech, according to a new study from the University of British Columbia.

The study, published in the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, asked participants to transcribe pre-recorded sentences, which were sometimes accompanied by photos of the speakers. Although all of the speakers were native English speakers, born and raised in Richmond, tests showed listeners had a harder time understanding what was said when they learned the speaker was a Chinese Canadian, than if they were shown a picture of a white Canadian.

Often, generalizing about what someone is going to sound like is helpful in communication. "The way we understand people, we're always using predictions and expectations to help," said Molly Babel, the lead author on the study and a professor in the department of Linguistics at UBC. "This isn't about people being overtly not nice as listeners, but it still shows us that we develop stereotypes about people and that can have costs when it comes to understanding people."

> **It's well known that difficulty communicating affects people's economic prosperity in Canada.**
> Alden Habacon

Alden Habacon, a UBC expert in diversity and inclusion strategies, helps organizations overcome barriers caused by diversity.

"It's well known that difficulty communicating affects people's economic prosperity in Canada. What the research suggests is that Chinese-looking people have to work even harder than white-looking people to ensure they are being understood."

"I can think of a few places where this is critical: speaking to police, border agents, a doctor," said Habacon.

"Certainly, becoming more self-aware of our unconscious bias and the negative stereotypes that we are exposed to, and as well confronting our own privilege is key to overcoming this issue."

A sample photo, similar to the photos shown to participants in the study. COURTESY UBC

COURT

Nuttall lawyer points finger at police

An unfocused and disorganized plan for a terrorist attack against the B.C. legislature allegedly masterminded by a husband-and-wife duo had no hope of success were it not for the support and guidance provided by undercover police, a B.C. court has heard.

John Nuttall's defence lawyer Marilyn Sandford began closing submissions to a B.C. Supreme Court jury on Tuesday, suggesting RCMP officers posing as terrorists manipulated her client and his wife into planting homemade pressure-cooker explosives on the legislature grounds on Canada Day 2013.

Nuttall and his wife, Amanda Korody, were damaged by poverty and stricken with drug addiction, said Sandford. The arrival of a key undercover officer feigning friendship injected meaning into their otherwise isolated lives, as well as money, nice clothes, spiritual guidance and attention, which all contributed to the pair feeling important and validated, she added.

She went on to remind the jury how Nuttall had said in covert video recordings that he feared for his and Korody's lives at the hands of their supposed new friends.

Nuttall and Korody have each pleaded not guilty to three terrorism-related charges: conspiring to commit murder, and possessing and planting explosives on behalf of a terrorist organization.

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VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

Rescued dolphin, whale to room up

A baby false killer whale found battered and stranded on a Tofino, B.C., beach last summer will stay at the Vancouver Aquarium after a panel of marine experts determined he cannot be safely released back into the wild.

The whale, named Chester by aquarium staff, has been rehabilitated at the facility since being rescued in July 2014.

"Chester looks amazing. His blood looks great, his physical exams are great," said Dr. Martin Haulena, the aquarium's head veterinarian. "Our assumption is that he's fantastic, but with these guys, especially animals that have a history of stranding, there are all sorts of things that can go on."

Fisheries and Oceans Canada organized a panel to determine Chester's future after he became the first false killer whale to ever be successfully rescued in Canada.

Releasing him into the wild wouldn't be safe, said Paul Cottrell, with Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Instead, Chester will stay at the aquarium with a Pacific white-sided dolphin named Helen, which will allow both some much-needed socialization, after Helen's previous companion died earlier this week.

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A girl helps clean up after flash flooding in Cache Creek on Monday. DEVON LINDSAY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier vows aid for flood victims

CACHE CREEK

Province to pay 80% of individuals' damages

Premier Christy Clark donned jeans and rubber boots to walk through a slurry of mud and water left behind by a weekend flood that overwhelmed a small village in B.C.'s Interior.

Residents of Cache Creek were still cleaning up the mess with shovels and red wheelbarrows Tuesday when Clark visited the village located about 80 kilometres west of Kamloops.

The premier pledged aid for uninsured locals who were caught off guard by a storm the likes of which she said no local had probably ever seen.

"Unbelievable is the word," she said. "Resilient is a description of this community. I'm here to make sure the community knows that as a province British Columbians are going to be here to help as much as we can."

Saturday's storm dropped 26 millimetres of rain in less than an hour. The deluge sent water flowing down the streets like rivers, sweeping away yards and swamping homes and businesses.

Twenty-three homes remain under an evacuation order and about 40 others remain under evacuation alert, said Mayor John Ranta.

The provincial government announced Monday that residents will be able to apply for disaster financial assistance, meaning the government will pay 80 per cent of damages exceeding $1,000 to a maximum $300,000 to accepted claimants.

Clark said the government is erring on the side of compassion and will deal with claims case by case, although secondary homes won't be covered.

The province is also offering disaster social services, immediate help for people who are living in motels and can't go home, she said.

Clark said she talked to a man and woman whose house was almost damaged and who watched the flood trap another woman and child in a car.

"Can you imagine how frightening that must have been for the two of them," she said.

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Immigration ranking drops

CITIZENSHIP

Canada's fall on global index due to federal policies: Group

Canada has dropped out of the top five countries in integrating immigrants into the society due to policy changes by Ottawa to restrict access to family reunification and citizenship for newcomers.

According to the latest world ranking by a Brussels-based think tank, Canada has slipped from third to sixth place among 38 developed countries in allowing migrants access to equal rights, support and opportunities.

Although Canada is still considered a welcoming country for newcomers amid the global anti-immigration and anti-terror tide, the Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX) says its policy shift to the right raises questions about the future of the country's traditionally inclusive integration system.

"It is a cause of concern, one that we need to watch," said Thomas Huddleston of the Migration Policy Group, lead author of the European Union-funded, peer-reviewed index. Canada's 2015 MIPEX profile will be released in Toronto Wednesday.

"With Canada rolling back on some provisions from family reunification and citizenship, it is going to have an impact on immigrant integration. Other countries will follow Canada."

Based on a detailed checklist of 167 indicators, researchers surveyed the latest government policies in affording migrants access to eight areas: labour market mobility, family reunion, education, health, political participation, permanent residence, access to nationality and anti-discrimination efforts.

"One key to Canada's immigration model has been that selected immigrants arrive as permanent residents with equal rights to invest in their integration and quickly become full Canadian citizens," says the 2015 MIPEX profile on Canada.

"Recent delays and restrictions to family reunion and citizenship may bring unintended consequences for permanent residents, doing more harm than good to Canada's integration outcomes." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

THE DATA

The project compiles and standardizes factual data from its local research partners and ranks the countries based on a 100-point scale. In MIPEX's last edition, published in 2011, Canada scored 72 points and ranked third place, just behind Sweden and Portugal, which earned an overall 83 points and 79 points, respectively.

SENATE BUMPY RIDE FOR CHONG'S REFORM ACT Conservative MP Michael Chong, seen here in 2013, got a rough ride from some of his own caucus colleagues as he promoted his Reform Act at a Senate committee on Tuesday. The act is billed as a way to rebalance power between members of Parliament and party leaders. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Senate expenses referee chosen

POLITICS

Up to 40 senators will have spending challenged

The Senate is turning to a former justice of the Supreme Court of Canada to referee any disputes arising among senators over dubious expense claims flagged by the auditor general.

It's the latest attempt by the Senate to get ahead of what is widely expected to be a critical report on past spending practices.

Ian Binnie will be called to intervene in cases where senators who are ordered to pay back disallowed expense claims opt to challenge either the findings of the report or the amount they are required to repay.

But Binnie may not be that busy. Senators have already started repaying expense claims questioned by auditor general Michael Ferguson, ensuring they won't go to arbitration.

The repayments started shortly after Ferguson's audit teams walked into Senate offices almost two years ago and, according to Senate sources, have picked up steam in recent weeks since senators received their final audit results.

"Once we have the report we'll be able to determine who has repaid and whether that amount matches the amount in the report," said Senate spokeswoman Nancy Durning. "All amounts owing and paid will be made public, whether they happened before or after the report is released."

Senators in the most trouble with auditors are expected to avail themselves of the arbitration process, hoping to avoid a hefty repayment order, or having their file sent to the RCMP for review.

> **"All amounts owing and paid will be made public.**
> Senate spokeswoman Nancy Durning

Senate sources who are familiar with the auditor's work say Ferguson is expected to recommend that 10 cases be referred to the RCMP.

Up to 30 other senators are expected to face repayment orders worth thousands — as high as $20,000 in at least one case — over travel claims that didn't involve Senate business, as well as questionable office contracts and housing claims.

Ferguson's report is expected to be delivered to the Senate some time next week.

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IN BRIEF

Loblaws recalls hummus

Loblaw Companies Ltd. is recalling a brand of hummus because it may contain a toxin.

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GOVERNMENT

Progress on veterans' issues: Ombudsman

An analysis of whether the Conservative government is living up to its promises to improve the delivery of benefits for veterans suggests things are moving in a positive direction, the veterans' ombudsman says.

Veterans and the government still aren't in sync on what programs and services ought to look like, but there's been progress, Guy Parent said in an interview Tuesday. "We haven't closed any gaps but certainly there are some being narrowed," Parent said. "And I think they are being narrowed because the intent of the recommendations is being met."

It's been nearly a year since the House of Commons veterans affairs committee made 14 recommendations on improving the New Veterans Charter, the 2006 document that changed how benefits are delivered. The ombudsman has been calling for changes to various elements of the policy in a series of reports beginning in 2013.

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LAS VEGAS

World Series of Poker begins

If the World Series of Poker is lucky, the popularity of the Las Vegas championship's newest event could cause a poker chip shortage.

The annual set of 68 tournaments at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino that rewards millions of dollars to the best card sharks starts Wednesday with a new event dubbed the Colossus expected to attract at least 10,000 players.

The Colossus represents the lowest buy-in in 35 years with players ponying up $565 US each to win their share of a $5 million prize pool, with the winner likely walking away with nearly $600,000.

The 45-year-old event now owned by Caesars Interactive Entertainment Inc. is also spreading the wealth for its $10,000 no-limit Texas Hold 'Em main event and hosting an online tournament that will end with a live poker matchup.

The World Series of Poker drew 82,360 players last year with 10 per cent winning some of the $227.7 million in prize money.

Lance Bradley, the editor in chief of poker news site Bluff.com, said the series has long worked to widen its appeal. But this year appeared to be unusually ambitious, catering to the regular guy who doesn't mind parting with $565 but would blush at spending $1,000, while still attracting "the pros who don't want to play against those guys."

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ASYLUM SEEKERS

EU to relocate 40,000 migrants

The European Union will seek to shift the migration burden away from Italy and Greece by relocating 40,000 asylum seekers to other EU countries, according to a draft document seen by The Associated Press Tuesday.

The relocation proposal, to be unveiled by the EU's executive Commission on Wednesday, would see new Syrian and Eritrean asylum seekers shared among 23 of the 28 member countries over the next two years. Britain, Denmark and Ireland will not take part.

The move comes as the number of desperate migrants crossing the Mediterranean to get to Europe continues to rise, with more than 80,000 landing so far this year. The International Organization for Migration estimates that 1,820 other migrants have died or gone missing on that journey.

The influx has left countries like Italy, Greece, Malta, Germany and Sweden carrying the biggest burdens.

Under the emergency relocation plan, which would have to be endorsed by member states and the European Parliament, countries "will receive 6,000 euros ($8,100 CAD) for each person relocated on their territories" from EU coffers, according to the document.

Germany would accept the most asylum seekers over the two years — a total of 8,763 — while France would take in 6,752. Spain, which faces migration challenges of its own, would also take a significant share, accepting 4,288 people in need of international protection.

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IN BRIEF

Amtrak to install cameras in locomotives

Amtrak said Tuesday it will install video cameras inside locomotive cabs to record the actions of train engineers, a move that follows a deadly derailment earlier this month in which investigators are searching for clues to the train engineer's actions before the crash. The Amtrak engineer, Brendan Bostian, suffered a head injury in the accident in Philadelphia and has told investigators he can't remember what happened.

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Outrage as Danish radio hosts claim killing rabbit on air

A Danish radio station has faced a storm of angry protests after two of its hosts claimed they clubbed a young rabbit to death on air with a bicycle pump. Public broadcaster Radio-24syv said the Monday morning-show stunt was aimed at initiating a debate about "the vast hypocrisy surrounding our relationship with animals." The other host of the show, Asger Juhl, said on air that the rabbit twitched several times before quietly dying.

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Nepalese children play on Tuesday at a relief camp for survivors of the Nepal earthquake in Kathmandu. Hundreds of Nepalis gathered on Monday at the rubble of a 19th-century tower in Kathmandu to mark one month since a devastating earthquake killed more than 8,600 people in the Himalayan nation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nepal bans child travel without legal guardians

TRAFFICKING

Move aimed at protecting kids who lost homes in earthquakes

The government announced Tuesday that all children travelling in Nepal will need to be accompanied by their parents or a legal guardian to prevent the trafficking of young people who lost their homes in the country's powerful earthquakes.

The Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare said the ban is aimed at protecting homeless children who are living in tent camps where there are large numbers of people.

Ministry official Ram Prasad Bhattarai said an approval letter issued by a district Child Welfare Board will be needed for any other adults travelling with children from one district to another.

The ban comes days after police stopped two groups of children who were being taken by unrelated adults by bus in different districts. The children are being held in government shelters and police are still investigating the cases.

International adoptions have also been suspended, he said.

Thousands of children are taken from Nepal to neighbouring India every year to work as child labourers or in brothels.

The earthquakes on April 25 and May 12 killed at least 8,673 people in Nepal.

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VIGIL

Hundreds of people have held a candlelight vigil in Nepal's capital to mark one month since the earthquake that killed thousands of people and affected millions. About 200 people gathered in the heart of Kathmandu on Monday evening to remember the dead.

NIGERIA

Spike in female suicide bombers: UN

Children are now being seen as potential threats after an "alarming spike" in suicide bombings by girls and women being used by Boko Haram militants in northeastern Nigeria, the UN children's agency said Tuesday.

The number of reported suicide attacks has jumped to 27 in the first five months of this year compared to 26 for all of last year, it said.

Tuesday's report came as Gov. Kashim Shettima of Borno state visited the site of the latest Boko Haram attack and surveyed the damage: 37 people killed Sunday, 400 buildings razed, including mosques, and 22 vehicles and dozens of motorcycles torched.

"I appeal to you not to flee from your homes. We assure you that we are going to rebuild the ancient town of Gubio," Shettima pleaded.

But locals said hundreds of traumatized residents have already fled to Maiduguri, the Borno state capital 90 kilometres away.

A civilian self-defence fighter, Yusuf Modu Gubio, said he killed some insurgents in Sunday's attack but "to my surprise, they were mostly young boys and teenagers."

It's not known how many thousands of boys, girls and women have been kidnapped by Boko Haram but new abductions are being reported every week. UNICEF said it estimates that 743,000 children have been uprooted by the nearly 6-year-old Islamic uprising, with as many as 10,000 separated from their families in the chaos.

It said women and children have carried out three-quarters of all reported Boko Harem suicide bombings — with girls blamed for nine such attacks since July.

"They are first and foremost victims — not perpetrators," said Jean Gough, the UNICEF representative in Nigeria.

The agency is concerned that children will increasingly be perceived as "potential threats," putting them in danger of retaliation and jeopardizing their return home.

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For Metro

There are two ways to buy a pre-owned car — from a dealer or from a private seller. Both have pros and cons, but you have fewer safeguards in a private sale, and you need to take extra steps to protect yourself.

You might have heard of curbsiders, and there are a number of them in B.C. This is someone who looks like they are selling their own vehicle, but isn't. The person may be an unlicensed dealer or selling on behalf of one. The car may even be salvaged or stolen.

Warning signs include: Someone who says they are selling the car on behalf of a friend or family member, especially if it has to be sold right away; a seller who won't let you come to their house to see it; or a price that's far lower than you would expect.

If it's a newspaper or online ad, look for others with the same phone number. If you say you are calling about the car and the seller says, "Which one?," then say goodbye. When you meet, ask to see the seller's ID and then make sure it matches the vehicle's registration.

Even if the seller is legitimate, the car could have issues, such as having been in a flood or crash. This is where a vehicle history report is essential. You can buy one from ICBC, which covers claims made in B.C., or from companies such as CarProof, which includes any history from across Canada and the U.S.

CarProof also includes a lien search, but if you use a report that doesn't, you will want to do one (some Service B.C. Centres provide it for $10). Otherwise, if there is money owing, it could be repossessed after you have bought it.

Get a trusted technician to have a look at the vehicle, and walk away if the seller balks — you don't need to buy a headache. Ask for the service records, which the seller should be able to supply. Regular scheduled maintenance can make a car last longer and you need to know that it's been done.

Once you have agreed to buy the vehicle, you and the seller have to fill out a transfer/tax form from an Autoplan broker. You have to pay 12 per cent PST on a vehicle sold privately, but not GST. From there, you switch the registration, insure the vehicle, and put on your plates — that pre-owned car has found a new home.

Have a mechanic check your potential new vehicle. SHUTTERSTOCK

History will reveal the vehicle's worth

Chris Chase
For Metro

Just as an employer might check into a potential new hire, you should dig into a used vehicle's history before you buy in case the seller has something to hide.

For a fee, companies such as CarProof or Carfax will look up the vehicle identification number (VIN) and tell you how many owners the car has had, whether it has been involved in a serious accident, and if there are any outstanding debts or liens — as soon as you sign the ownership, you are on the hook for any debt associated with the car.

In other jurisdictions, you can check for liens through a provincial property registry office. Some provinces require the seller to provide vehicle history information, purchased from the transport ministry, as a condition of the sale.

In B.C., the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) provides vehicle history information to used vehicle buyers for a fee, based on past insurance claims associated with the car or truck in question. The catch is that it only tracks vehicle history for cars and trucks registered in the province; if a past owner took the car to Alberta, for example, ICBC won't be able to tell you about any claims filed during that time. In that case, you will have to pay for a private, third-party background check from a company like CarProof or Carfax.

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If you are preparing your vehicle for sale, after washing and waxing it, use a tire dressing to make the rubber shine, clean the wheels, and use glass cleaner on the windows. SHUTTERSTOCK

Finer details to help sell a vehicle

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

A pre-owned vehicle doesn't have to look used — detailing can help it look as good as new. Meanwhile, if you are selling or trading one in, it could add some extra dollars for the final purchase price.

If you want to spruce up your vehicle, start by taking out the floor mats and vacuum the carpets thoroughly, including under the seats. Use a crevice tool to vacuum between each seat's back and cushion. If the rear seats fold, and especially if they flip forward as they do on some SUVs, get into the areas behind and under them. You will be shocked at how much dirt can accumulate back there.

Small stains on carpets or floor mats can be tackled with a rug spot remover. If that isn't enough, use carpet shampoo or a steam cleaner. It's best to leave all the doors open until the carpets dry to avoid mildew or rust.

Vacuum fabric seats, and use a spot cleaner to remove stains. Vinyl seats can be wiped with vinyl cleaner. Leather seats should be cleaned and protected with products specifically made for cowhide to help prevent cracking or fading.

Wipe the dash before you clean the windows, since glass cleaner on a dirty dash will leave difficult-to-remove spots. Clean the dash and steering wheel, but while you can use vinyl protectant on the dash, don't put it on the wheel, which could make it dangerously slippery.

Cleaners and protectants are available in several formats, including sprays, liquids, and wipes. It doesn't really matter which type you use, but be sure to follow the directions. Don't use too much because it can be difficult to remove the excess.

When you are cleaning the rear-view mirror, instrument cluster, or infotainment screen, never spray cleaner directly onto the glass because there is a possibility it could seep in behind and cause damage. Instead, spray the cleaner onto a rag or paper towel first.

Mist a cotton swab with cleaner and get the dust out of the air vents. Replace the cabin air filter if your vehicle has one. It's usually found behind the glovebox, and your owner's manual will have the instructions.

After washing and waxing, use a tire dressing to make the rubber shine, clean the wheels, and use glass cleaner on the windows. Best of all, keeping your car clean not only makes it look good, but can help it last longer, too.

Trying to find the most bang for your buck

Chris Chase
For Metro

No, CPO isn't a new droid character in an upcoming Star Wars movie. It's the abbreviation for certified pre-owned, and the kind of deal that's worth looking for if you are in the market for a used car.

A CPO car or truck is one that stands up to criteria laid out by a car manufacturer for age, mileage, and physical and mechanical condition. These programs, offered by most new car manufacturers in Canada, are playing a big part in taking the stigma out of buying a second-hand car.

So much so that auto industry analyst Dennis Derosiers expects sales of used cars in Canada to rise to nearly 31 million per year by 2019, a 28 per cent bump over 2010 sales.

It's no surprise that CPO is having such an impact — while cars sold through these manufacturer-backed programs cost more than comparable vehicles sold by independent dealers, there are benefits to consumers that justify their higher prices.

For example, any car sold as CPO has to pass a multiple-point inspection to gauge its physical and mechanical condition, and must meet age and mileage guidelines as well.

The vast majority of certified pre-owned cars and trucks are lease returns, and many were sold new and serviced by the same dealer now selling them second-hand. That means the service department knows the car's history, and the service records will be easy to track down. The other positive consequence is that you will find plenty of low-mileage vehicles from which to choose.

Jason Monteiro, sales manager at Ottawa's Myers Cadillac Chevrolet Buick GMC, says CPO warranty coverage is better than a third-party warranty because it's usually backed by the manufacturer, as is the case with GM's optimum certified used vehicle program.

Any factory warranty coverage remaining on a used car transfers to subsequent buyers, but CPO programs sweeten that deal by adding extra coverage. As with the inspection, the length of the bonus warranty depends on the carmaker, but, generally, it will be more generous for an upscale car than it would on a mainstream car brand.

In fact, upscale buyers stand to benefit more by buying through a CPO program, as luxury cars tend to be more expensive to repair when something goes wrong, so the longer the warranty, the better.

Not all CPO programs are equal, so it's worth taking a look at various manufacturers' websites to learn which automakers offer their used buyers the most bang for the buck.

Certified pre-owned programs are playing a big part in taking the stigma out of buying a second-hand vehicle. SHUTTERSTOCK

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B6846

2008 BMW 335I
Twin Turbo, New Tires, Leather Luxury, 70,000 kms
~~$22,888~~ $20,458
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B6841

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Convertible, Leather Loaded, 14,400 kms
~~$28,888~~ $27,666
B6863

2012 HONDA CR-V TOURING
Hard to Find Touring Certifeid Pre Owned, 25,408 kms
~~$33,888~~ $31,963
B6848

Stock #	Year	Make	Model	Ext Colour	KM	Price
28026C	2005	Chevrolet	Equinox	Silver	105,219	$7,888
B6846	2012	BMW	X3	Black	48,392	$31,913
B6849	2011	Honda	CR-V	Brown	88,437	$22,988
B6850	2011	Honda	Civic	Grey	72,183	$12,888
B6861	2010	Honda	CR-V	Grey	122,000	$17,888
B6864	2012	Toyota	Matrix	Blue	61,795	$15,558
B6865	2012	Honda	Accord	Gray	32,870	$23,988
B6866	2009	Toyota	Matrix	Silver	62,972	$11,988
B6867	2011	Honda	Odyssey	Grey	134,498	$29,467
B6868	2009	Toyota	RAV4	Silver	126,642	$16,888
L6794A	2007	Hyundai	Accent	Red	93,641	$8,888
L6828A	2005	Chevrolet	Malibu	Brown	71,463	$6,888
L6845	2012	Honda	Civic	Black	20,774	$14,888
L6867	2011	Honda	Accord	White	28,110	$21,888
L6873	2011	Honda	CR-V	Grey	59,847	$22,888
B6882	2010	Honda	Accord EX-L	Grey	106,500	$18,888
B6880	2008	Nissan	Versa	Silver	102,705	$9,888
B6881	2009	Honda	CR-V	Black	107,600	$16,88
B6885	2009	Subaru	Impreza wrx	White	94,025	$18,888
B6886	2011	Suzuki	Grand Vitara	Silver	114000	$13,888

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445 Kingsway, Vancouver

MANAGER'S SPECIALS

2015 HYUNDAI SONATA GL
Low Mileage, Certified, 25,900 kms
~~$23,995~~ $19,495
HY10940

2014 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT 2.4 PREMIUM
Low Mileage, Certified, 26,500 kms
~~$26,888~~ $25,495
HY10974

2013 HYUNDAI SONATA HYBRID
Air Conditioning, Certified, 38,100 kms
~~$23,995~~ $22,388
15050A

2011 HYUNDAI EQUUS ULTIMATE
Power Moonroof, Certified, 40,750 kms
~~$34,995~~ $33,495
HY10961

Stock #	Year	Make	Model	Ext Colour	KM	Price
HY10955	2011	Hyundai	Elantra GL Auto	Silver	77,200	$12,388
HY10963	2012	Hyundai	Accent GLS Auto	Silver	48,922	$13,397
15435A	2011	Hyundai	Sonata Limited W/ Navi	White	84,312	$16,995
15045A	2014	Hyundai	Sonata GLS Auto	Blue	42,000	$16,995
15493A	2012	Hyundai	Elantra Touring GLS	Grey	26,987	$13,995
15388A	2012	Hyundai	Accent GL Auto	White	16,500	$13,495
15485A	2011	Hyundai	Accent L Auto	Blue	45,968	$8,995
15371A	2014	Hyundai	Elantra GT GLS Auto	Blue	13,000	$22,995
HY10954	2011	Infiniti	G37X AWD Sedan	Silver	89,895	$24,495
HY10959	2012	Nissan	Sentra SE-R Spec V Manual	Grey	6,900	$16,988
HY10965	2008	BMW	335Xi Sedan	Grey	95,000	$21,995
HY10972	2011	Lexus	RX350 Touring Package	White	51,000	$37,495
HY10975	2011	BMW	328Xi Sedan W/ Navi	Black	72,600	$25,495
HY10978	2010	Lexus	ES 350	Grey	75,000	$23,495
HY10980	2008	Mercedes Benz	C300 4Matic	Grey	118,000	$18,995
15504A	2013	Nissan	Frontier Pro 4X	White	33,050	$33,995
HY10981	2011	Honda	Civic DX-G Auto	Grey	52,000	$13,495
HY10982	2011	Honda	Civic SE Auto	Blue	69,000	$13,995
HY10967	2008	Suzuki	XL7 7-Passenger	Black	92,197	$12,995
HY10921A	2010	Hyundai	Santa Fe GL	Black	105,000	$15,888

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Destination VANCOUVER MAZDA

1595 Boundary Road, Vancouver

MANAGER'S SPECIALS

2009 TOYOTA VENZA AWD
Immaculate, Looks and Runs Like New, 103,392 kms
~~$20,998~~ $17,873
G45031

2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
Stylish & Roomy, 40,976 kms
~~$14,988~~ $12,888
MP1447

2007 HONDA CR-V EX-L
With Navigation, Backup Camera, Leather Seats, 132,491 kms
~~$16,999~~ $14,685
G37522A

2012 VW JETTA DIESEL
TDI Diesel, Great on Fuel, 89,865 kms
~~$20,480~~ $18,365
MP1457

Stock #	Year	Make	Model	Ext Colour	KM	Price
MP1459	2013	Honda	Accord Sport	Silver	52,148	$20,788
MP1461	2013	Mazda	CX-5	Grey	75,612	$21,688
MP1462	2013	Mazda	Mazda2 GX	Grey	48,313	$11,785
MP1456	2012	Toyota	Yaris	Blue	51,831	$11,467
F33896A	2011	Mazda	MX-5 GS Hardtop	Grey	23,449	$27,695
MP1463	2011	Kia	Soul 4U SX	Black	78,205	$15,386
F62009A	2008	Mazda3	Sport Hatchback	Grey	83,490	$11,588
MP1441B	2007	Nissan	Altima SE	Grey	114,366	$9,583
MP1465	2014	Nissan	Versa SV	Grey	36,861	$13,956
MP1466	2013	Toyota	Camry	Grey	53,957	$17,783
MP1467	2011	Nissan	Versa Hatchback	Grey	60,937	$10,788
MP1464	2014	Toyota	Matrix	Grey	39,267	$16,788
MP1468	2014	Dodge	Grand Caravan SXT	Grey	5,385	$25,783
MP1469	2010	Toyota	RAV4	Black	36,230	$25,688
MP1470	2014	Toyota	Sienna	Grey	33,486	$26,776

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Destination KINGSWAY HONDA

368 Kingsway, Vancouver

MANAGER'S SPECIALS

2010 HONDA FIT SPORT
Local, 1-owner Honda Certified, 52,000 kms
~~$14,995~~ $14,200

150592A

2011 HONDA CR-V EX-L
With New Tires, Certified 81,000 kms
~~$22,800~~ $21,200

HP7168

2011 HONDA RIDGELINE EX-L
~~$29,995~~ $28,800

HP7018A

2011 HONDA ODYSSEY
~~$26,995~~ $24,900

157517A

Stock #	Year	Make	Model	Ext Colour	KM	Price
HP7179	2011	Honda	CR-V EX-L	White	56,000	$19,200
157517A	2011	Honda	Odyssey EX	Grey	53,150	$24,800
HP7180	2013	Honda	CR-V Tour	Black	33,700	$29,800
HP7184	2011	Honda	CR-V EX-L	White	77,000	$21,800
HP7189	2012	Acura	TL AWD	Black	46,000	$26,700
HP7183	2013	Honda	CR-V Touring	Silver	33,000	$30,800
HP7188	2014	Honda	Odyssey EX-L	Silver	13,000	$37,800
HP7192	2011	Honda	CR-V EX-L	Black	72,000	$21,800
HP7198	2014	Honda	Civic LX	White	2,660	$18,200
HP7201	2012	Honda	Civic EX	White	44,500	$16,800
HP7199	2011	Honda	Civic SE	Grey	54,000	$15,200

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Destination BURNABY TOYOTA

4278 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby

MANAGER'S SPECIALS

2012 TOYOTA PRIUS C
Clearance Priced, Must See, Good and Clean Condition, 53,000 kms
~~$17,995~~ $15,995

D50377A

2011 TOYOTA VENZA
Clearance Priced! Toyota Certified! 57,800 kms
~~$19,995~~ $16,995

4648A

2012 TOYOTA RAV4
Low Milege, Super Clean With Alloy Rims, 28,000 kms
~~$24,895~~ $21,995

4781

2013 TOYOTA YARIS
Efficient , Reliable Trans-portation, 63,500 kms
~~$13,995~~ $12,900

4784

Stock #	Year	Make	Model	Ext Colour	KM	Price
4798	2013	Toyota	4Runner	White	43,313	$44,995
4802	2009	Toyota	Camry LE	Grey	71,242	$13,995
D50464B	2011	Toyota	Corolla CE	Silver	82,482	$11,995
4795	2013	Toyota	Corolla CE	Grey	27,345	$17,788
D50676A	2012	Honda	CR-V LX	Black	96,183	$20,995
4792	2012	Lexus	CT 200H	Grey	117,281	$18,995
4796	2013	Toyota	FR-S	Grey	29,706	$23,895
4800	2014	Toyota	Matrix	White	32,567	$17,995
D50494A	2011	Toyota	Matrix	Grey	40,850	$16,995
D50377A	2012	Toyota	Prius C	Red	52,994	$15,995
4804	2012	Toyota	Prius V	Silver	37,560	$22,490
4781	2012	Toyota	RAV4	Brown	28,041	$21,995
4785	2012	Toyota	RAV4 Sport	Silver	64,025	$24,995
4793	2012	Toyota	RAV4 Touring	Grey	25,000	$22,995
4772	2012	Toyota	Sienna LE	Grey	70,590	$25,995
4794	2013	Toyota	Sienna Limited	White	58,005	$38,900
D50144A	2007	Toyota	Tundra	Black	157,500	$21,795
4648A	2011	Toyota	Venza	Red	57,800	$16,995
4788	2011	Toyota	Venza Premium	Grey	47,759	$22,995
4784	2013	Toyota	Yaris LE	White	63,565	$12,900

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MANAGER'S SPECIALS

2010 FORD RANGER
55,331 kms
~~$13,888~~ $9,888

P5996

2014 JEEP WRANGLER
27,119 kms
~~$37,995~~ $35,995

15358A

2014 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
Ex-Service Shuttle, 35,185 kms
~~$40,835~~ $22,888

14107

2014 RAM 1500 SPORT
Manager Demo, 3,427 kms
~~$61,130~~ $46,213

14695

Stock #	Year	Make	Model	Ext Colour	KM	Price
15183A	2009	Chevrolet	Malibu	Black	29,135	$12,888
P6001	2011	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	Black	69,625	$34,888
15339A	2012	Ram	1500	Blue	57,895	$24,888
15431A	2014	Jeep	Cherokee	Blue	10,282	$23,888
15382A	2012	Jeep	Patriot	Red	37,987	$13,888
15357A	2010	Ford	Ranger	Grey	73,810	$10,995
15441A	2014	Jeep	Cherokee	White	5,334	$24,998
P6004	2013	Jeep	Wrangler	Grey	50,486	$34,298
14701A	2010	Volkswagen	Touareg	Black	106,342	$37,888
15350A	2008	Dodge	Nitro	Red	121,015	$13,398
15276A	2012	Jeep	Wrangler	Orange	35,185	$32,498

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Value-added purchases

Chris Chase
For Metro

The vehicle with the lowest price isn't always the best deal; it's also important to consider resale value, which is determined by its rate of depreciation, or how quickly it loses value after it is purchased new.

Depreciation is dictated by factors such as what discounts are available on the new version of any given car, its past and predicted reliability, and supply and demand. When gas gets expensive, demand and values for more efficient models are boosted.

Canadian Black Book (CBB) conducts market research to set residual values that help dealers set prices for used cars and trucks, as well as new vehicle lease rates. The organization also helps consumers by publishing an annual list of the vehicles it predicts will best hold their value.

Josh Bailey, vice-president of research and editorial for CBB, says depreciation "is the single largest cost of owning a vehicle, so we encourage buyers to use these awards to learn which brands and models hold their value best."

Here are CBB's picks for the 2015 model year, and why it thinks the vehicle deserves the honour.

SUBCOMPACT: HONDA FIT — Desirable for its roomy interior and efficient powertrain.

COMPACT: TOYOTA PRIUS — Efficient, reliable, and available in a variety of body styles.

MID-SIZE: SUBARU OUTBACK — Its practical size and sophisticated all-wheel-drive system keep demand strong.

FULL-SIZE: TOYOTA AVALON — A comfortable interior and luxury features as well as strong reliability.

ENTRY LUXURY CAR: LEXUS CT 200H — A re-bodied Prius with sharper handling; it combines that car's economy and durability with good looks and a nice interior.

LUXURY CAR: AUDI A5 — A joy to drive, and looks good at any speed.

PREMIUM LUXURY CAR: PORSCHE PANAMERA — Porsche's four-door blends sporty driving and everyday practicality.

SPORTS CAR: DODGE CHALLENGER — If you want big power, this car comes with a choice of three different V8 motors.

PREMIUM SPORTS CAR: PORSCHE BOXSTER – A roadster that brings performance down to an accessible level.

COMPACT SUV: JEEP WRANGLER — If you are into offroading (or want to make people think you are) the Wrangler is a near-perfect choice.

MID-SIZE SUV: TOYOTA 4RUNNER — A tough mudder that's surprisingly comfortable on paved roads.

FULL-SIZE SUV: TOYOTA SEQUOIA — V8 truck capability paired with Toyota reliability.

COMPACT LUXURY SUV: AUDI Q5 — Handsome, and available with gasoline, diesel and hybrid powertrains.

MID-SIZE LUXURY SUV: PORSCHE CAYENNE — Luxury SUV that's thrifty as a diesel or hybrid, or wicked-fast in turbo trim.

FULL-SIZE LUXURY SUV: MERCEDES-BENZ G-CLASS — The G-Wagen is a symbol of conspicuous consumption.

MINIVAN: HONDA ODYSSEY — A family hauler that's almost fun to drive.

COMPACT COMMERCIAL VAN: FORD TRANSIT CONNECT — This small van has proven popular with fleet buyers.

FULL-SIZE VAN: MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER — A range of wheelbase lengths and roof heights enhance this van's appeal.

SMALL PICK-UP: TOYOTA TACOMA — A good, basic pickup. Toyota is about to launch an all-new, 2016 model.

FULL-SIZE PICK-UP: TOYOTA TUNDRA — Proof that Toyota could build a truck to compete with the biggies from Dodge, Ford and General Motors.

Toyota Tacoma

Ford Transit

Toyota Tundra

Mercedes G-Class

Jeep Wrangler

Lexus CT 200h

Subaru Outback

Audi A5

The secret to being a good driver is courtesy

Jen Roe
For Metro

Any driver paying attention will notice that on any given day, there is quite a lot of hand signalling on the roads in and around Vancouver. From Surrey to Coquitlam and everywhere in between, it's not unusual to see people gesticulating wildly behind the wheel.

Some might be air drumming to Van Halen. Others may be seat dancing to Beyonce. You will also see far too many drivers giving the middle finger salute to people who have annoyed them by cutting them off, driving too fast, too slow or any number of other infractions, real or imagined.

But if you keep an eye out for them, you will also see countless simple, friendly waves as people are driving around town. While the middle finger salute is singular in both its form and function, the wave (like air drumming and seat dancing) encourages individual interpretation, from a quiet nod or a small pointing gesture to the controlled queenly classic or a grand sweep.

These different waves usually mean one of two things: Please, go ahead, as a driver lets someone into the flow of traffic; or thank you as a driver acknowledges the graciousness of another.

"The secret to being a good driver is courtesy," one Canadian automobile association said.

Along with watching for wildlife at dawn and dusk and understanding when trucks can and can't see you on the highway, the association suggests drivers should, "allow people to pass you when they want, avoid aggressive driving practices, and leave plenty of distance, and the road can be a safe place for everyone."

And remember your manners. Say thanks. When someone lets you in or is otherwise courteous on the road, pick your favourite wave to acknowledge the gesture.

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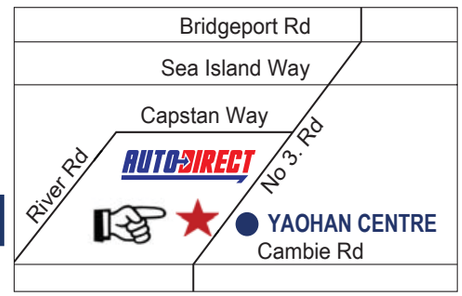

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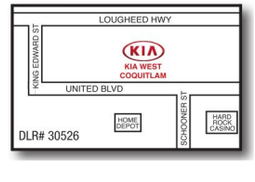

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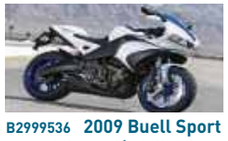

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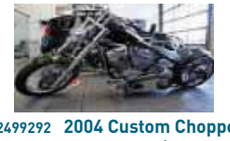

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U.K. eyes future of the EU

EUROPE

Cameron trip focuses on differences over autonomy

British Prime Minister David Cameron heads to continental Europe this week on a campaign to curtail EU involvement in national affairs.

France and Germany, meanwhile, want to move in the opposite direction.

Which formula is more likely to ensure the EU's survival is the issue Cameron will face on his trip — and the existential question the European Union is facing in the months to come.

Cameron is visiting Denmark, the Netherlands, France, Germany and Poland as he launches his mission to scale back the EU's political powers over member states on sensitive issues such as migration and welfare.

Without such changes, Britons may vote to pull the U.K. out of the EU altogether in a referendum Cameron has promised before 2017.

A wax David Cameron gets a touch-up at Madame Tussauds in London. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But France and Germany, whose post-war alliance formed the backbone of today's EU, have their own mission.

They sent an outline for closer economic co-operation in a letter to European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker reported by Le Monde. Juncker's spokesman Margaritis Schinas welcomed the idea Tuesday as "key" to solidifying the shared euro currency and European unity.

Cameron's official spokesman, Jean-Christophe Gray, said Tuesday that discussions about the eurozone shouldn't affect Cameron's trip this week. Britain does not use the euro.

But he conceded that the prime minister's trip might not be easy.

"Of course you'll have reports of ups and downs," Gray told reporters in London. "But he is very clear about the mandate that he has and his determination to secure the best deal for the British people."

The conflicting initiatives are not necessarily mutually exclusive. But they do highlight a fundamental cross-Channel rift, with Britain ever more reluctant to throw in its lot with the other EU nations under the leadership of juggernauts Germany and France.

Alain Dauvergne, an adviser at France's Our Europe institute, said Cameron is unlikely to win immediate support this week for his campaign, but is launching an "exploration" to establish how far EU partners are willing to go to give him "window dressing" that he can bring back to British voters to keep them from leaving the EU.

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>
> Jean-Christophe Gray, spokesman for PM David Cameron

IN BRIEF

Southern India heat wave kills more than 750

More than 750 people have died in southern India since mid-April as soaring summer temperatures scorch the country, officials said Tuesday. More than 550 people have died from the unrelenting heat in Andhra Pradesh since May 13, the state deputy chief minister said. And a top state official in Telangana said about 215 heat-related deaths have been reported since April 15. Daily temperatures in both states have hit between 45C and 48C.

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Twister kills 14 in Mexican border city

The body of a baby torn from a car by a tornado was found Tuesday in the northern Mexico border city of Ciudad Acuna as the death toll from the storm hit 14. Searchers found the baby's body amid the rubble of shattered houses. Earlier reports said the child had been in a baby carrier.

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Ancient artifacts back in Italy from U.S.

The United States has officially returned 25 artifacts looted over the decades from Italy, including Etruscan vases, 1st-century frescoes and precious books that ended up in U.S. museums, universities and private collections.

Italy has been on a campaign to recover looted artifacts, using the courts and public shaming to compel museums and collectors to return them, and has won back several important pieces.

The items Tuesday were either spontaneously turned over to U.S. authorities or seized by police after investigators noticed them in Christie's and Sotheby's auction catalogues, gallery listings, or as a result of customs searches, court cases or tips.

One 17th-century Venetian cannon was seized by Boston border patrol agents as it was being smuggled from Egypt to the U.S. inside construction equipment, police said.

U.S. Ambassador John Phillips joined Italy's carabinieri art police to show off the haul.

It included Etruscan vases from the Toledo Museum of Art and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 17th-century botany books from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and a manuscript from the 1500s stolen from the Turin archdiocese in 1990 that ended up listed in the University of South Florida's special collections.

The cover of a second-century Roman marble sarcophagus, representing a woman, is displayed during a news conference by U.S. Ambassador to Italy John Phillips and Italy's Culture Minister Dario Franceschini in Rome on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Caribineiri police guard an Estruscan vase dated to 500 B.C.

"Italy is blessed with a rich cultural legacy and therefore cursed to suffer the pillaging of important cultural artifacts," Phillips said, adding that Interpol estimates the illicit trade in cultural heritage produces more than $9 billion in profits each year.

Police said several of the items were allegedly sold by Italian dealers Giacomo Medici and Gianfranco Becchina, both convicted of trafficking in plundered Roman artifacts. After the objects were recovered, Italian authorities confirmed their provenance.

Police stressed that most collectors and museums willingly gave up the artifacts after learning they had been stolen. The Minneapolis museum director contacted the Italian culture ministry after reading an article about one suspect piece, police said.

Phillips praised the collaboration between Italy's police and U.S. Homeland Security and border patrol agents.

He also said the United States had returned more than 7,600 objects to over 30 countries and foreign citizens since 2007.

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RETIREMENT PLANNING

Feds plan to explore new savings options

In a sudden about-face, the Harper government said Tuesday it's thinking about giving Canadians the option of hiking their contributions to the Canada Pension Plan — a measure that would help boost retirement savings.

With an election date less then five months away, the move looked like a surprise effort by the Conservatives to wrestle some ground away from their political foes.

The Tories have long opposed expanding the government-managed pension plan — an idea supported by the NDP — but Finance Minister Joe Oliver told the House of Commons that they intend to consult experts and stakeholders on the matter this summer.

The government's goal: explore ways that would allow Canadians to make voluntary add-on contributions to the CPP.

"We are open to giving Canadians the option to voluntarily contribute more to the Canada Pension Plan to supplement their current CPP retirement savings," said Oliver.

People need choices when it comes to their retirement savings, rather than having mandatory payments, Oliver said.

The subject of retirement income is expected to be a weighty election issue this fall and the Tories' opponents lined up to portray Tuesday's change of heart as crass political opportunism.

"They're trying to scoop up a few votes of those that are concerned about their pensions," said NDP finance critic Nathan Cullen.

"I don't know if they're actually going to do it. If they were going to do it, one would've imagined they would have done it already."

In 2010, then-finance minister Jim Flaherty proposed a "modest" mandatory CPP increase and rejected the idea of a voluntary one. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lauren Shandley, Mike Yeung, Laurie Macpherson and Scott Nelson are shown in an undated photo. Yeung and Nelson made the first bitcoin virtual currency donation to Simon Fraser University. SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY-HO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

School shifts to bitcoin

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Campus now accepts digital currency at bookstores

A British Columbia university is now accepting the digital currency bitcoin at all of its bookstores, a move that staff claim is a first for Canadian post-secondary schools.

Simon Fraser University has also announced that automated bitcoin vending machines will soon begin operating on campuses in Burnaby, Vancouver and Surrey.

"What we're trying to do is get students to talk about innovation and try bitcoin," said Mark McLaughlin, SFU's executive director of ancillary services, in a news release.

"The only way to have an opinion about digital currencies is to learn about it, and we are providing a first-hand experience in that regard."

Bitcoin is a virtual currency that is transferred online without the help or regulation of any central bank. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Taco Bell, Pizza Hut to use natural ingredients

Taco Bell and Pizza Hut say they're getting rid of artificial colours and flavours, making them the latest of the big companies to do so.

Taco Bell said the menu changes will begin in 2015, with preservatives removed by 2017 where possible.

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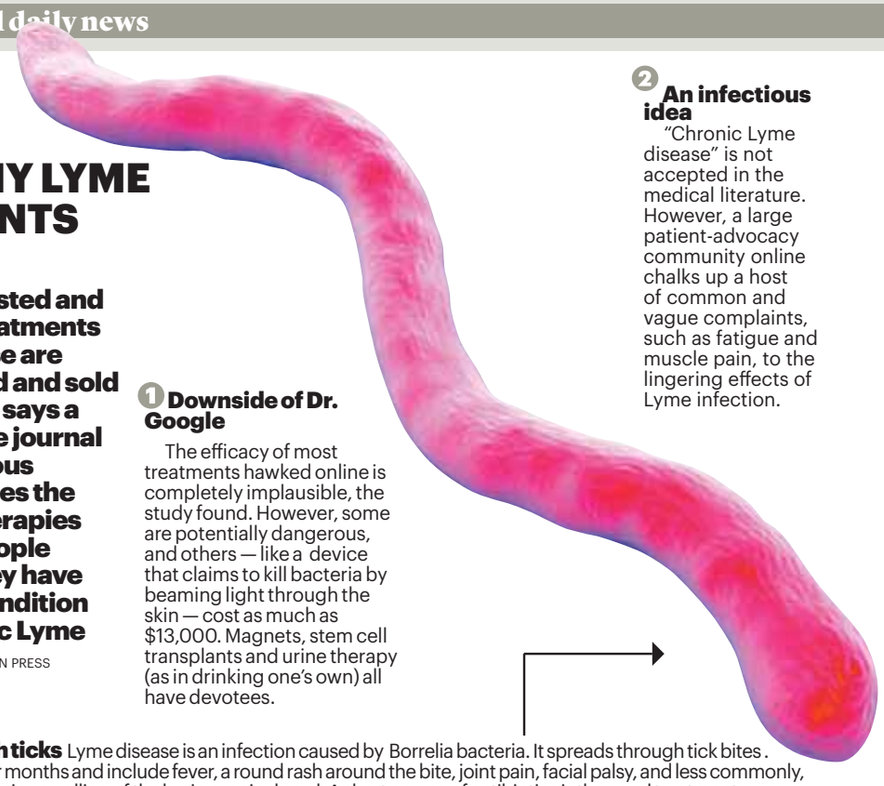
THE BIG THING: DIY LYME TREATMENTS

A range of untested and unorthodox treatments for Lyme disease are being promoted and sold on the Internet, says a new study in the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases. It raises the alarm about therapies marketed to people who believe they have an unproven condition they call chronic Lyme disease. THE CANADIAN PRESS



1 Downside of Dr. Google

The efficacy of most treatments hawked online is completely implausible, the study found. However, some are potentially dangerous, and others — like a device that claims to kill bacteria by beaming light through the skin — cost as much as $13,000. Magnets, stem cell transplants and urine therapy (as in drinking one's own) all have devotees.

2 An infectious idea

"Chronic Lyme disease" is not accepted in the medical literature. However, a large patient-advocacy community online chalks up a host of common and vague complaints, such as fatigue and muscle pain, to the lingering effects of Lyme infection.

3 The trouble with ticks Lyme disease is an infection caused by Borrelia bacteria. It spreads through tick bites. Symptoms can last for months and include fever, a round rash around the bite, joint pain, facial palsy, and less commonly, potentially life-threatening swelling of the brain or spinal cord. A short course of antibiotics is the usual treatment.

The struggle to limit screen time — for cats

SOCIAL DISCOURSE

Omar Mouallem

I'm no longer the only one in my house addicted to technology. My cat Darwin is, too.

It started with one iPad app, Paint for Cats, which hilariously teases her with a cartoon mouse that squeaks and leaves behind multicoloured paw prints each time it's attacked. Now the paw prints are real, and they're all over my tablet, phone and TV screens.

Like most cats, she doesn't respond to her name. Yet the clicking of the Netflix menu is enough to bring her inside from the balcony, whether or not the dragonfly she's torturing at the moment is dead yet. She finds the spasmodic scrolling irresistible, and cries when it stops because she's blocking the remote sensor. She howls even louder when I decide on something to watch.

Darwin's not the only one with a problem. At least one SPCA, in Los Angeles, started accepting tablets as donations — and it's not to entertain the volunteers. Not primarily, anyway.

There's now a cottage industry of tailor-made videos and apps for cats. Little Hiccup, makers of Paint For Cats, which by 2012 had been downloaded over 300,000 times, have two other offerings. There's also Crazy Cat for Android, popular enough to earn 3,000-plus mostly positive reviews, and Enjoy With Cat, a two-player game for felines and their human companions. Not to be outdone, the cat-food brand Friskies now offers its own promotional cat games, which have been downloaded two million times so far.

There are many more but they're all engineered in the same way, with quick and jerky objects, according to Dr. Bonnie Beaver, executive director of the American College of Veterinary Behaviourists. As she recently explained to the Associated Press, "Cats are attracted to things that move, and that is the 'magic' for most of the apps."

It helps that cats, unlike dogs, have fast-adjusting pupils and depth perception and colour definition closer to our own. But while the harms of overusing computers are well documented for humans, could this digital catnip also be damaging and potentially distressing?

I'm wondering because these new gadgets have definitely had an effect on my pet parenting.

The morning after I first played Darwin her favourite YouTube video — 16 minutes of birds and squirrels — I found her waiting for me on the closed laptop, sitting regally and wide-eyed. Now I find it a handy distraction when her incessant nagging interferes with my work or my own enjoyment of the Internet.

It seems cats love the Internet as much as it loves them. There's now a cottage industry of apps for cats.

I can justify it as escapism for a housebound pet. I'm offering a healthy outlet for her basic instincts. But I know I'm really just suppressing her neediness — a quality only a dog owner could love.

So like a guilty but helpless parent, I just plop her in front of another screen. It's bad, I know. But it works.

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metroview

Sexual assault against men is less common, but no less traumatic

Angela Mullins

Maybe I should start a men's movement.

"You may as well," my wife told me the other day. She'd just endured my latest rant about a public-service announcement about sexual harassment and abuse.

The Ontario government ad is a universal case study in playing to the majority and ignoring the minority with hopes of creating change for all. What could have been a powerful message about everyone doing their part to make a difference has become part of an all-too-common narrative in our post-Jian Ghomeshi, post-Bill Cosby, still-unfolding Canadian military scandal reality: Men are perverse, women are victims.

For those who haven't seen it, the video plays out something like this: Four women are shown as victims, fielding everything from unwanted shoulder rubbing to having roofies slipped into a drink. At the end of it all, you're asked #WhoWillYouHelp.

The settings for the vile acts range from an office to what we can assume is a high school hallway. The women are from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds. Their ages vary. The same is true for the people taking advantage of them.

It's obvious the creators tried really, really hard to make the message relevant for everyone. Problem is, they missed the mark.

In the 61-second warning not to treat people like objects, every one of the predators has a penis.

I have, of course, seen the statistics. Although the numbers vary based on the source, about 80 per cent of sex crimes are directed at women. The abuse women face is generally more violent. And, because of that, they're more likely to die at the hands of their abusers.

But, for those men who do become targets, being a victim is, I'd imagine, no less painful and no less soul-sapping.

Despite the position of power they generally occupy due to the luck of chromosomal pairings alone, men have, in this instance, been swept under the rug. Those who dare mention their place in the sexual-abuse conversation run the risk of being considered anti-woman or, even worse, pigs.

It's sad that we've come to this point. Working against assault is, at its very root about treating everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of their gender or how likely they are to become victims.

To earnestly fight sexual assault, government campaigns — and others for that matter — must be all-inclusive, representing people of all stripes and, I hope, prompting storylines we've never heard.

Perhaps what I really should do is start a human movement.

Our slogan? How about: "Hey, hey, ho, ho, a collective conscience is the way to go."

Rosemary Westwood will return Thursday.

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Selma actor rises to his role in Nightingale

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While actor David Oyelowo might be best known to some audiences for his stellar performance as Martin Luther King Jr. in the epic civil rights drama Selma, by the time he filmed his breakthrough role, he'd already completed work on Nightingale.

The movie, which stars only him and premieres on HBO this Friday at 9 p.m., tells the story of the deteriorating mental state of a vet named Peter Snowden as he tries to keep his life together after committing a very brutal act. Oyelowo is virtually unrecognizable as the same performer who played Dr. King — the only parallel between the movies is that they're both produced by Brad Pitt's production company, Plan B. We talked to him about being your own co-star and working with Pitt.

The film occasionally feels almost like a play, in the sense that it's a one-man show. Did that have any impact on how you made it?
I did learn it like a great big monologue. I didn't do what you may otherwise do, which is that you learn your lines for any given scene a couple of days before you actually shoot it. I felt that the level of immersion that I would want to subject myself to in playing this character would mean that I didn't really want to be in the head space of technically learning lines whilst shooting, so I did learn like you would a play. But then the rest of the experience was that of a filmmaking one in terms of the nature of the way we shot the film. Because it's very intimate in the way that theatre can't be. He's expressing very dark thoughts at times, right up close into the camera, and that employs a very different part of your artillery as an actor than the stage does.

Did you find yourself recalibrating your performance at all, since it's just you onscreen?
I don't feel like I did recalibrate what I would normally do as an actor. It was just doing what felt right and true for playing this particular role. I don't think we did anything that was technically different, per se, than what you would do in any other given film, but because of who he is, the way he expresses himself, the fact that this is a guy who will happily have a conversation with a three-way mirror, means that the realms of the orthodox ways of either shooting a film or interacting with another character are kind of out of the window, so you're just doing whatever feels truthful given Peter Snowden's circumstances.

Peter spends a lot of time on the phone, either talking to people, or rehearsing talking to people. Was someone on the phone with you at those times?
We actually made the choice to never have anyone on the other end of the line. It was something I felt very strongly about because there are times with Peter where there is someone on the other end of the line and there are times when there isn't. It is someone he has manufactured in order for him to live with himself. The film starts with Peter having committed a heinous act and he has a mental condition that means that dealing with the repercussions of both what he has done and who he is, is something that he is constantly pushing away ... We wanted to keep the audience guessing as to whether he's actually talking to someone other than himself.

This is the second time you've worked with Brad Pitt, who also produced Selma. Do you think you're drawn to similar types of projects?
It's funny, because we've now had two projects together, but actually my friendship with him is very much linked to us being dads with lots of children. He has six, I have four, and we get together every now and again and watch our children tear the place up. But yes, we worked together on Selma, and Nightingale was born out of that. While I was doing Selma, we had already shot Nightingale and Dede Gardner and Jeremy Kleiner, who both run Brad's company Plan B, I showed them the film, which we had finished at that time ... They saw it, showed it to Brad, and I remember him saying, my goodness, what a thing to go from Dr. King to Peter Snowden. His connection with Nightingale was very much from an actor's point of view. I think he was very interested in an actor putting themselves through that exercise.

> **I don't feel like I did recalibrate what I would normally do as an actor. It was just doing what felt right and true for playing this particular role.** David Oyelowo

David Oyelowo is the solo star of Nightingale. CONTRIBUTED

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The long wait Between episodes

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Jennette McCurdy explains why you can't binge on her Netflix show

Ned Ehrbar

Jennette McCurdy is the pregnant daughter of a minister in the new Netflix series Between. CONTRIBUTED

Netflix is trying something different with Between, the new series about a town quarantined after a virus kills off everyone 22 and up. Instead of letting viewers binge-watch all six episodes, Netflix is doling out the instalments one at a time each week, like traditional TV. But don't worry, series star Jennette McCurdy is here to help you wrap your mind around that.

No binging, OK?
I prepared all of my friends because when they found out I was doing a Netflix show they were like, 'I'm going to watch it so fast. Like I'm going to watch it faster than anyone!' And I was like, 'No you're not.' But I think this is a good way for the audience to stay invested and keep the conversation going. And there are only six episodes, so it's not like you're going to have to be like, 'Oh my God, this is a half-year commitment.' If there were more, then I could see how it might potentially build some frustration.

If you're a fan of...
It has sci-fi elements, it's a survivalist thriller, it has romantic elements — it's the kind of show that I enjoy watching. To me, it resembles a younger version of Lost, which is my favourite dramatic show ever, so that was very exciting for me. I have tremendous respect for all of the actors on that show. I don't know how they endured it. I'm sure they deal with a lot of people giving them flak when they're just trying to get tomatoes at Ralph's or something.

It won't leave you hanging
There are some unsolved mysteries to keep viewers curious and invested, but I do think that there are a lot of character arcs and a lot of resolution that can act as a satisfying payoff so you feel like at the end of the first season, 'OK, some of my questions were answered.'

> **I think this is a good way for audiences to stay invested and keep the conversation going.**
> Jennette McCurdy talking about Netflix's decision to release Between in week-by-week episodes instead of all at once.

Who she plays
My character is Wiley Day, and she's the pregnant daughter of a minister. She's really rebellious and rough around the edges, but ultimately she's very sensitive and highly insecure. She does not have the most nurturing of mother skills. She doesn't have any semblance of a maternal instinct, and she carries a lot of her own problems into motherhood.

She's not your typical hero
Wiley is really real. She seemed, like, against the base of archetypes that we see where it's somebody who's very strong and knows exactly what she's doing — the girl who's got it all together and she's strong-willed and she's smart and she's got a great smile, too. And she wasn't the angsty, completely bogged-down, over-emotional girl. I think she has a unique voice and something that is hopefully good for young people to see.

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Life on the road not so bad for Swift

Taylor Swift doesn't want your pity, OK?

"Sometimes I really don't think it's that hard at all," she says of life on tour. "When I was starting out, I'd go on tour for three months and I was gone for three months. Now almost 10 years in, thank God we get to play bigger shows, so I don't have to play as many. If we're playing stadiums, I'll do two or three a week, not five shows a week, then I get to fly home in between. It's not that bad."

Sure, but there must be something about her current world tour that's bringing her down, right? "I do have to leave the cats behind when I leave the country, which is the hardest part." NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

GOSSIP NOTES Brand's sobriety, celibacy

How to be celibate

Russell Brand is anticipating a visit to Australia later this year will make it hard to keep his current clean-living vows.

"Can anyone be celibate, not drink and not smoke and be political in Australia? As soon as you land, all those things go out the window," he said during a radio interview.

He at least has a new, drastic means to keep him celibate: "Now I've got myself a heavy book — not to read, but to slam it shut on my penis a couple of times a day."

Sure, that sounds fine, I guess, but what about the drinking and smoking, Brand?

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Johnny Depp is accused of smuggling Pistol and Boo (inset photo) into Australia. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES, EXCEPT INSET: FACEBOOK.COM

Depp's Down Under doggie difficulties

AUSTRALIA

If convicted, Depp could face 10 years in prison

Ned Ehrbar

Johnny Depp is back in the U.S. this week after getting into hot water in Australia for smuggling his two pet Yorkshire terriers into the country on his private plane, violating quarantine laws, but authorities in the lower hemisphere aren't done with him just yet.

If the case goes to court and Depp is found guilty, he could face up to 10 years in prison and a $265,000 fine, according to the Sydney Morning Herald for allegedly smuggling in Pistol and Boo.

The dogs were apparently only discovered after visiting a dog grooming salon.

"If we start letting movie stars — even though they've been the Sexiest Man Alive twice — come into our nation (and break the laws), then why don't we just break the laws for everybody?" Australian Minister of Agriculture Barnaby Joyce says.

And you know what?

He raises some very good questions, but is he suggesting that Australia isn't already a completely lawless anarchic free-for-all?

Because if so, I've been sorely misled.

Also, shouldn't Depp have those Sexiest Man Alive titles stripped now, one for each Yorkie?

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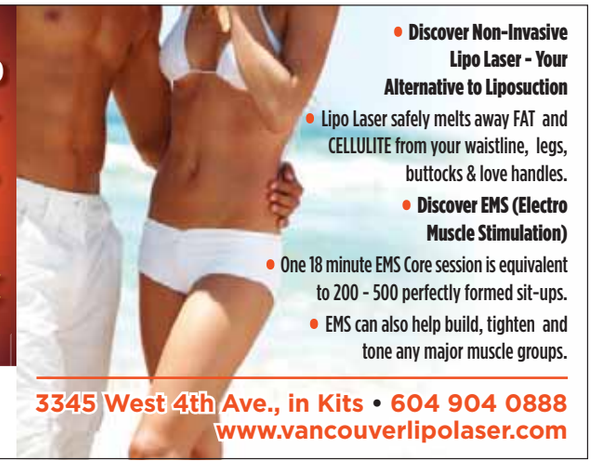

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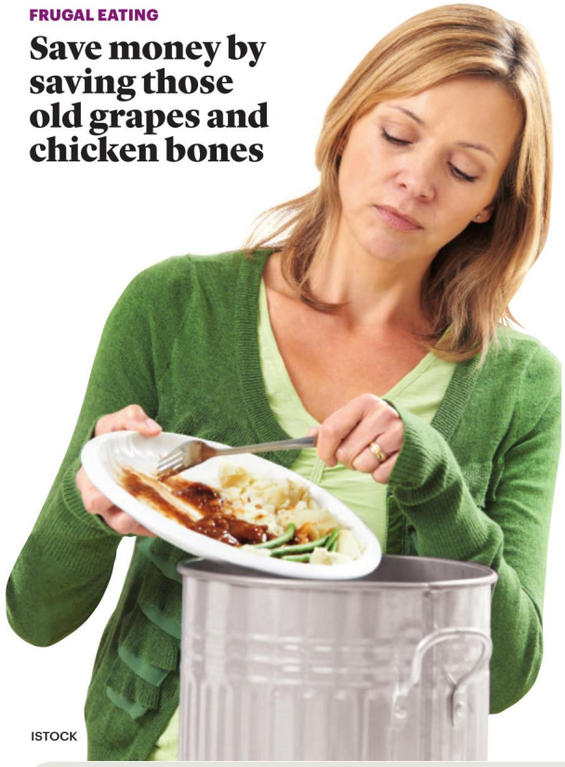

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WORD OF MOUTH

Theresa Albert
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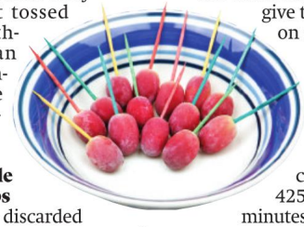
Worldwide, 1.3 billion tonnes of food is wasted, with most of it spoiled by grocery stores or food service outlets. In Canada, according to a study commissioned by KitchenAid, that amounts to a $40.28 household loss each and every week. People go hungry while palatable food goes to waste. That is a load of garbage. There a few things you can do at home to keep more money in your pocket and food from the dump:

Soggy lettuce

There really isn't anything you can do with it once it gets to the wilty, smelly point but you can prolong its life. Just slip a piece of paper towel in with the lettuce to help absorb the moisture and keep for a couple more days. Each time you open the box, wipe the condensation from the lid and replace the paper.

Grapes

The skins of red grapes contain the very same resveratrol that is so good for you in your red wine. When they start to lose their plumpness, throw them in the freezer. They are great tossed in smoothies or can be a stunning ice cube alternative.



Vegetable scraps

The Top 3 discarded vegetable scraps are onion skins, celery and carrot ends. All are loaded with nutrients, especially onion skins, which contain a critical anti-aging nutrient called quercetin. Store them in a freezer bag until it is full and then simmer into a nourishing vegetable broth.

Chicken bones

I never throw away chicken bones — there are nutrients and flavour in there! Even the ones on my family's plates get tossed into a broth because I know that any bacteria will be boiled away.

Broccoli stalks

You know you can peel these and chop into salads, right? But if you really love your dog, toss them into the freezer and give to Fluffy as a treat on a hot afternoon.

Parmesan ends

Too hard to grate, but great nonetheless! Chop into small cubes and bake at 425 F for five to 10 minutes to turn into crisp croutons.

Not only is hunger a crying shame, frugal is the new black.

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RED WINE

Fire it up

LIQUID ASSETS

Peter Rockwell
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While most Canadians see barbecuing as a rite of spring and summer, in other parts of the world, cooking with fire is a daily activity that's only one prayer shy of a religion.

In South Africa, its national holiday, Braai Day, is named after the Afrikaans term for grilling. In Australia, way back in the early '80s, Crocodile Dundee's Paul Hogan starred in a series of commercials that ended with him offering to "slip an extra shrimp on the barbie for ya."

Argentina gives both a run for their marinade with its traditional asado: a word that encompasses how they cook and the festivities that ensue during the meal. When it comes to a barbecue wine pairing, I prefer a medium-bodied red with a touch of spice, which makes a drop like Argentina's 2013 Alamos Malbec ($13.09-$15.99) a perfect match. Made by Bodegas Catena Zapata, it oozes dark berry fruit, lip-smacking licorice and a hint of pepper that meets meat head on.

INSPIRED BY TV

London RV lab lets you cook up a cocktail, Walter White-style

Breaking Bad fans jonesing for more of their favourite show may be interested to know of a pop-up bar inspired by the series that will turn an RV into a mobile cocktail lab in London this summer.

About two years after the show's end, the ABQ bar in London — which stands for the show's setting, Albuquerque, N.M. — will serve as an experimental cocktail lab allowing guests to cook up their drinks, not unlike the way Walt and Jesse cooked their meth.

ABQ will operate for three months in London this summer. For £30 ($57 Cdn), guests will be shown how to mix their own drinks with the help of a mixologist. The RV fits about 20 people at a time.

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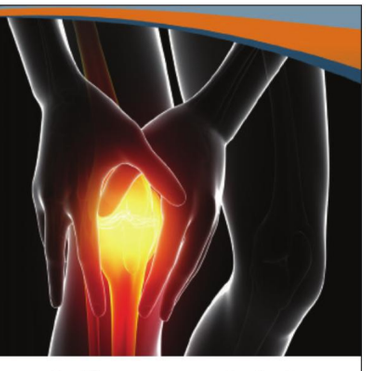

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REVIEW

Chevrolet Trax reveals its agility, usefulness

Mike Goetz
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Like the rest of the world, Canada is becoming increasingly urbanized. According to Statistics Canada, back in the 1920s, less than 50 per cent of Canadians were urban folk. Now it's more than 80 per cent and climbing.

Vehicle design has reflected this shift, and none more so than crossovers based on subcompact vehicle platforms. These subcompact crossovers can get off-road dirty, owing to their optional AWD systems and slightly higher ground clearances, but they're really built for urban conditions, where they can offer up tall-in-the-saddle visibility, small-car manoeuvrability, and "just big enough" insides, for the couples and singles that inhabit the condo towers.

Chevrolet Trax was one of the first crossovers to really work this urban agenda, debuting back in 2013, and concentrating on two areas that have high appeal for its intended audience — safety and connectivity. Like many Chevrolets, Trax is ready to be hooked up to OnStar, and its available 4G LTE Wi-Fi hotspot. After the free trial period, however, you will need to pony up for monthly subscriptions for OnStar itself, and for a Wi-Fi data plan.

Bluetooth is standard. Rear vision camera and rear obstacle detection, and Bluetooth streaming audio, are standard on the top 2 trim lines (LT, LTZ). More electronic wonders can be had with MyLink (optional on LT, standard on LTZ), which offers a nice big touch screen, and smartphone integration to leverage lots of fun and useful apps, including Siri Eyes Free.

A plethora of airbags, and a body structure composed of 66 per cent high-strength steel, enabled Trax to ace the crash tests, one of the select few in its class to do so.

Another bright spot is ample room for four adults, though rear seat passengers will have a big bend in their knees if they're tall-ish.

Fuel efficiency is another strong suit.

In other aspects the Trax is average, or less. The interior design is useful and looks great, but also has big sections of hard plastic.

The 1.4-litre turbo is a bit loud and a bit challenged to accelerate smartly on the highway, but the transmission shifts well, and the high top gear allows for relaxed cruising.

Trax is a decent example of a great, new vehicle form, which can confidently fulfil a lot of urban transportation needs.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 CHEVROLET TRAX

THE BASICS

Type. Five-door, front-wheel drive/AWD subcompact crossover
Engine (hp). 1.4-litre inline turbocharged four-cylinder (138)
Transmission. Six-speed automatic
Price. Base $19,130 (plus destination)

POINTS

- Uses the same platform as the Sonic, Chevrolet's subcompact sedan and hatchback.
- Available in four trim lines, the top 3 available with optional all-wheel drive.
- An IIHS Top Safety Pick.

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COOL FEATURES

- Available OnStar 4G LTE creates a Wi-Fi hotspot, which allows passengers to connect multiple devices to wireless Internet.
- Available Siri Eyes Free connects iPhone to vehicle's audio system.
- Ten standard airbags.

MARKET POSITION

- Subcompact crossovers are typically purchased by twentysomethings and empty-nest baby boomers, who like a small car's agility and economy, but want and need more utility.
- This segment is expected to grow substantially.

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Hydrogen car paces at NASCAR

KIA

New engine to use less gas

Kia's in-house designed 1.0-litre T-GDi three-cylinder turbocharged engine made its debut at the recent Geneva Motor Show in Switzerland as the first of the automaker's range of downsized, high-efficiency powerplants. The team that developed it aimed for a 10 to 15-per cent improvement in fuel efficiency over the brand's current efficiency-leading 1.6-litre gasoline-direct-injection (GDi) engine.

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RACING

Mirai marks first for race

In a move that makes it look almost progressive, NASCAR recently approved the use of a hydrogen fuel cell-powered vehicle — the limited-edition, hand-built Toyota Mirai sedan — to pace one of its races, albeit one sponsored by the Japanese automaker. The Mirai pace car led the field at the Toyota Owners 400 NASCAR Spring Cup race at Virginia's Richmond International Raceway.

THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

FORD

Aluminum OK in crash safety

Ford's lighter-by-300-kilograms 2015 F-150 pickup truck is not only supposed to be kinder to the environment, but now also boasts a five-star rating for crash safety from the United States National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHSTA). The five-star rating, bestowed on the 2015 F-150 SuperCrew model, is the administration's highest score for overall safety. Some media critics had questioned the aluminum pickup's crashworthiness, but the NHTSA's new rating is expected to put those concerns to rest once and for all. The automaker said the aluminum-bodied F-150's lighter weight allows it to fit the truck with smaller and more efficient engines that, through turbocharging, produce the kind of power only larger engines used to be able to make.

LUXURY CARS

Hydrogen may power LS Sedan

Toyota's luxury division, Lexus, is mulling a hydrogen-powered LS sedan based on the technology underlying the Mirai hydrogen fuel-cell sedan. The model would likely be based on the next-generation LS. The fuel-cell LS would reportedly weigh several hundred pounds less than the current LS hybrid model. The vehicle would feature a "power unit" combining a 150-kilowatt fuel cell and a 295-horsepower electric motor, with enough on-board hydrogen storage to give the car a driving range just shy of 650 kilometres.

LET'S COOK

Audi introduces synthetic diesel fuel

Audi's research facility in Dresden, Germany, has produced the first batch of a synthetic diesel fuel that uses only carbon dioxide extracted from the air, electricity and water, reports Autoweek magazine. The process involves high-temperature electrolysis where water is heated to produce steam, which is then broken down into its constituent elements, hydrogen and oxygen. The hydrogen then reacts with carbon dioxide under high pressure and temperature to form a liquid composed of long-chain hydrocarbon compounds. Dubbed "blue crude" the liquid is refined to produce "e-diesel," which Audi said is free of sulphur and aromatic hydrocarbons; it's odourless, produces no soot and is more readily ignitable than traditional diesel fuel. "If we can make widespread use of CO2 as a raw material, we will make a crucial contribution to climate protection and the efficient use of resources, and put the fundamentals of the 'green economy' in place," said Germany's Minister of Education and Research Johanna Wanka in an Autoweek report.

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Maple Ridge, B.C. keeper Karina LeBlanc will retire after Canada's bid at the Women's World Cup

'Get under people's skin'

WHITECAPS

Coach likes to see an aggressive Gershon Koffie

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

Gershon Koffie was his aggressive self at training on Tuesday, according to Carl Robinson, and that had the Vancouver Whitecaps coach praising the soft-spoken Ghanaian midfielder.

A regular starter for the first three years of his time in Vancouver, Koffie has only started five times in Major League Soccer competition in 2015 thanks to a knee injury that sidelined him for three games earlier this spring, and a deeper squad at the midfield.

Robinson was asked what he's told Koffie to keep him motivated in the competition for playing time.

"To do exactly what he did in training today. Get under people's skin and train aggressively, do simple things and get in the box," said Robinson.

"When he does that, he's arguably one of the best midfield players in the league. I think it shows a sign (of) how far the club's come in relation to the strength of the squad of players we've got, because Koffie was a starting player and he still is a starting player. But I've got other starting players as well, not just 11.

Koffie feels he's now getting back into more of a rhythm. He's started in three of the last four games, including the two legs of the Amway Canadian Championship semifinal with FC Edmonton.

"I mean, I've been waiting patiently," said Koffie.

Russell Teibert didn't play on the weekend and is dealing with "one or two little issues in his hip," said Robinson.

The coach was hopeful the Canadian midfielder could be ready to jump back into full training later this week.

If Teibert isn't ready for Saturday's home match against Real Salt Lake, then Robinson could call on Koffie again to play alongside Matias Laba.

"I think he's the best midfielder for me," said Koffie of Laba. "He hunts like crazy, so for me, working next to him, I do the same and it helps us work for each other and makes the job easier."

I've got other starting players as well, not just 11.
Carl Robinson speaking about the team's depth

Whitecaps midfielder Gershon Koffie protects the ball from teammate Pedro Morales during a practice at BC Place Stadium on Tuesday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

IN BRIEF

QB Jordan Rodgers passes on Lions camp

The B.C. Lions announced that quarterback Jordan Rodgers will not attend training camp, which begins Sunday in Kamloops.

Rodgers, the younger brother of Green Bay Packers star quarterback Aaron Rodgers, is leaving to pursue a career in television broadcasting. He joined the Lions last October when the club expanded its practice roster.

The Lions also signed quarterback Grant Hedrick, who played at Boise State, and came to terms on deals with offensive linemen Jason Foster and Josh Aladenoye and kicker Anthony Fera. METRO

Als signee Sam focused on field, not buzz

Michael Sam says his priority is helping the Montreal Alouettes win, not making history as the first openly gay player in the Canadian Football League.

Sam was signed to a two-year deal by the Alouettes last week.

"I'm not trying to really do anything historic here by being with Montreal, I'm just trying to help the team win some games so we can bring the Grey Cup back home," Sam told a packed news conference Tuesday.

Sam was selected in the seventh round of the 2014 NFL draft by the St. Louis Rams, who cut him in traning camp. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Lundqvist, Brassard shine as New York forces Game 7

GAME 6 In Tampa, Fla.

Derek Brassard had a hat trick and Henrik Lundqvist stopped 36 shots in another season-saving performance as the New York Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 7-3 Tuesday night to force Game 7 in the Eastern Conference finals.

Brassard also had two assists for the Rangers, who evened the series 3-3 after being shut out in Game 5 at home. Keith Yandle, James Sheppard and J.T. Miller also scored on Ben Bishop, who was pulled with New York leading 5-1 with just under 13 minutes remaining. Rick Nash added a power-play goal against Andrei Vasilevskiy and Brassard had an empty-netter with 1:41 to go to complete the hat trick. Lundqvist was outstanding before giving up a pair of third-period goals to Nikita Kucherov. Game 7 is Friday night in New York, where Tampa Bay has won twice in this series.

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Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist pokes the puck away from Lightning forward Nikita Kucherov on Tuesday night in Tampa, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

LeBron James bumps the Hawks' DeMarre Carroll on Tuesday night in Cleveland. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

NBA PLAYOFFS

Cavs sweep on to the Finals

GAME 4 In Cleveland

LeBron James scored 23 points, Kyrie Irving returned after missing two games and the Cleveland Cavaliers reserved a spot in the NBA Finals with a 118-88 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night to win the Eastern Conference title.

By sweeping the top-seeded Hawks, the Cavs earned their second trip to the Finals, where they will face either Golden State or Houston.

It will be the fifth straight visit to the league's showcase event for the inimitable James, who returned to Cleveland after four years in Miami to try and end the City of Cleveland's championship drought dating to 1964.

The Cavs are four wins from doing it, and if they can, James will have a title that would put him in a class by himself. Other players have won more championships, but none has ever done it for his ring-starved home.

This is why he came back.

The Hawks were no match for the Cavaliers and had no answer for James, who nearly averaged a triple-double in the four games.

J.R. Smith added 18 points and Toronto's Tristan Thompson had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

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IN BRIEF

Generals book spot in Memorial Cup final

Cole Cassels and Tobias Lindberg scored in the second period and the Oshawa Generals beat the Kelowna Rockets 2-1 on Tuesday night in the Memorial Cup.

The Ontario Hockey League champion Generals (3-0) finished first in round-robin play to advance to the final Sunday.

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Bouchard tastes early defeat at French Open

Eugenie Bouchard says she hasn't been feeling like herself lately. That's an understatement, judging by her recent results on the court.

Eugenie Bouchard THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Canadian tennis star continued her disappointing season Tuesday at the French Open, as the sixth seed was stunned 6-4, 6-4, by France's Kristina Mladenovic in the first round.

Bouchard has lost eight of her last nine matches combined on the WTA Tour and in Fed Cup play, and most of the defeats have been to players well below her in the WTA rankings.

Earlier, Vancouver's Vasek Pospisil was eliminated after a first-round loss to Joao Sousa of Portugal.

The 53rd-ranked Canadian fell 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

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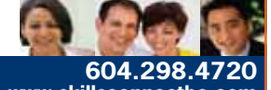

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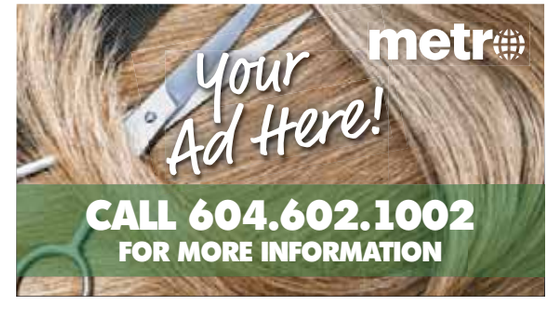

RECIPE Pepper Stuffed with Quinoa and Charred Corn Salad

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Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 1/2 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 cup quinoa
- 1 cup canned corn kernels, drained
- 1 cup diced broccoli
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 2 Tbsp orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 2 Tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp liquid honey
- 1 1/2 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley

Directions

1. Bring the stock to a boil in a saucepan. Stir in the quinoa. Reduce the heat to the lowest heat and simmer, covered, about 15 minutes. Drain off any excess liquid. Place in a serving bowl.

2. Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Cook the corn, stirring frequently, until it begins to char, about five minutes over medium heat. Stir in the broccoli and red pepper. Cook for four minutes, or just until the vegetables begin to soften. Transfer to the bowl with the quinoa.

3. Add the remaining ingredients to the quinoa and toss to coat.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 6)
- Calories 167
- Protein 5.4 g
- Carbohydrates 21 g
- Fibre 4 g
- Total fat 5 g
- Saturated fat 1 g

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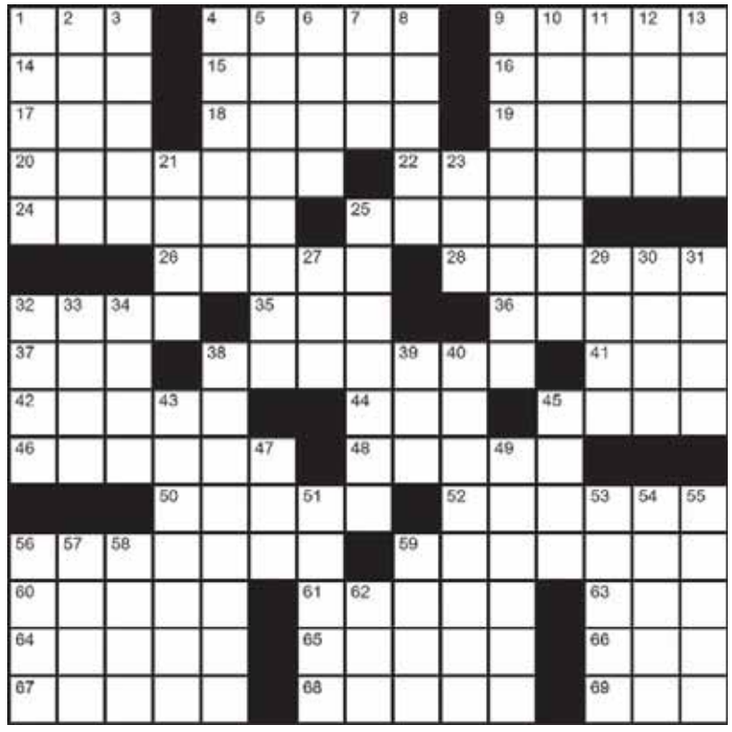

ACROSS
1. 7's phone letters
4. Upper house area
9. Performing very well
14. Roman Numeral for 52
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16. Prefix with 'path'
17. Horiz.
18. More pink, as steak
19. Tablet of yore
20. Vatican VIP: 2 wds.
22. Bernhard __, Music Director of Symphony Nova Scotia
24. Virgil epic
25. Fraternity letter
26. Baby deliverer
28. Get
32. Soapbox
35. __-Wan Kenobi
36. Overhang
37. Grazing land
38. Town on Lake Ontario near Hamilton
41. A-L-B-E-R-T-A cheer starter, "Give me __ ' '!"
42. Web message
44. Ms. Zadora
45. Comedian's creation
46. Universe
48. PEI community
50. Mind your __ __ Qs
52. Most sky or ocean hued
56. Fettuccine __ (Pasta dish)
59. Medieval maladies
60. Artsy hat
61. "How do _ __?" (Is this outfit okay?)
63. Toronto-born musician Mr. Emmett
64. "Cease!" on the seas
65. __ Islands, in the North Atlantic
66. U2 song
67. Shampooing direction
68. Backyard buildings
69. But, to Brutus

DOWN
1. Silver: Spanish
2. Wealthy: French
3. Ambulance signal
4. Skillful
5. Secret stage exit
6. Weight allowance
7. 'Brilliant' suffix
8. Buckingham Palace dog
9. National __ of Quebec
10. Sort in sequence
11. Suffix with 'Poet'
12. Evening, fun-style
13. Theatre-__ (Play attendee)
21. Money in Mexico
23. Actor Mr. Tognazzi
25. Watched every penny
27. Baseball stat.
29. Alaskan island city
30. Prefix meaning 'Fire'
31. Tidy
32. Mr. Baldwin
33. Business note
34. Sheep sounds
38. Canadian brand of chocolate-covered raisins
39. 'S' of RSVP
40. Animosity; or, current Taylor Swift song: 2 wds.
43. Shania Twain's "That Don't __ Me Much"
45. Cozy
47. "__ Songs (Say So Much)" by Elton John
49. Land _'__ (Recreational region in Ontario); or, brand of margarine
51. __ __, ands or buts!
53. Overseas moneys
54. River of Paris
55. Pshawed
56. "Two guys walk into _ __..." (Joke intro)
57. __ Strauss & Co.
58. Ms. Drescher
59. Skin opening
62. Music note

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
There is a possibility you will find yourself in the wrong place, at the wrong time with the wrong people today. Don't worry, you will soon get back to where you should be. Next time, be more careful.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Play to your strengths. Focus on what you are good at. If someone asks you to do something that you doubt will work out, turn them down flat. You like a challenge but you like a challenge you can master better.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Will you be a heroic failure or a huge success? That depends on how soon you go after your target. Hold off until the weekend when the universe will be on your side.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Do the opposite of what your instincts tell you today. If you feel like speeding up, slow down. If you feel like slowing down, speed up. Everything is up in the air, including your own thoughts and feelings.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Whatever you worry about today don't worry about money. If you do, you are likely to make a rash decision. If you worry about anything, worry about worrying too much.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Question everything you hear today, even if it comes from a trustworthy source. While Mercury is moving retrograde you should take nothing on trust. With Mars strong, you could be ruinously impetuous. Play safe.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do not, under any circumstances, get caught up in a neighbourhood dispute today. You may think you know how to resolve the situation but they won't listen. Worse, they may gang up on you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
One minute you want to do one thing and the next minute you want to do something else. You are usually much more decisive than this. Come tomorrow you will be back to your old self.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are focusing on the worst outcome to a situation that will likely never happen. Be positive and go to bed early for a change. Tomorrow the world will seem a rosier place.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Explore. Visit places you have never been before. Not only will it be fun but it will widen your outlook and make you realize how fortunate you are compared to most.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
What you fear the most is the one thing you least need to fear. With the planet Mercury moving retrograde things are sure to be jumbled up.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Whatever you are told by friends and family today you should act on the assumption that there are things going on behind-the-scenes that would change the picture completely if you knew about them. Maybe you don't want to know!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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